

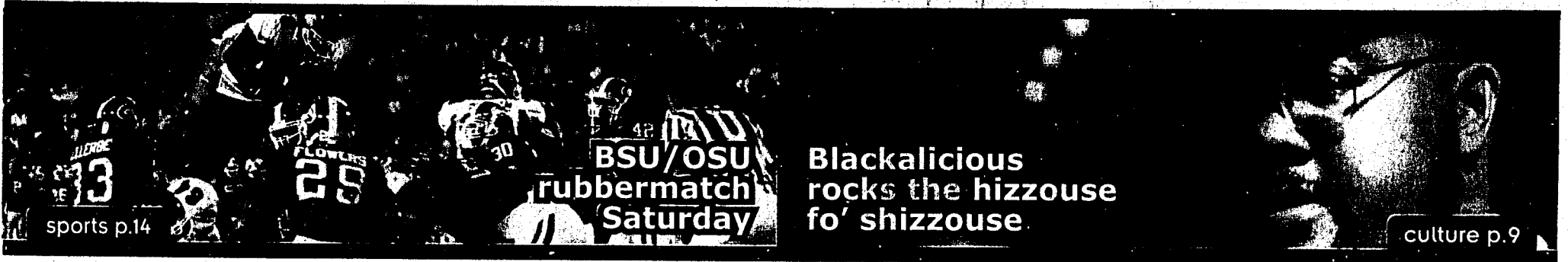
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Students of Boise State University

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The Arbiter



Some felony charges dropped against BSU football player

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Arbiter Staff

Former BSU football safety Cam Hall is now facing three fewer felony charges after the preliminary hearing on Sept. 1. The charges stem from what police termed a "road-rage" traffic accident that took place on May 7.

Ada County prosecutors dropped the three counts of vehicular manslaughter against Hall at the beginning of the hearing, but would not say why they made that decision.

Hall is still faced with a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident, which carries a maximum

sentence of five years in prison. Prosecutors also added a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving.

Hall has said that he would remain off of the BSU football team's active roster until his "court proceedings are resolved."

His current status with the team is unclear.

If Hall is not convicted of a felony, he may rejoin the active roster once his court proceedings are completed. Should Hall be convicted of or plead guilty to a felony, he would lose his scholarship at BSU, according to Idaho State Board of Education rules.

Another man police say was in-

involved in the fatal accident, Mark Lazinka, remains charged with three felony counts of vehicular manslaughter.

Ada County Sheriff deputies say Hall and Lazinka were engaged in a "road rage" incident May 7, in which they were driving in excess of 100 mph down Idaho 55.

Tony Perfect pulled his car onto I-55 from Beacon Light Road, with his wife and infant as passengers, as the pair of vehicles sped toward them, according to police.

Eyewitness Kelly Squires testified at the hearing that as Hall drove past him at a high rate of speed, the Perfect's car pulled into

the intersection at I-55 and Beacon Light Road.

Squires said Hall's vehicle then veered into the oncoming lane away from the Perfect's car, which was stopped in the roadway to avoid an accident. Squires testified that moments later a "red blur" drove past his vehicle traveling at about the same speed at Hall's black Mustang.

The "red blur" was Lazinka's pickup following Hall's path through the intersection.

As Tony Perfect pulled his car forward to finish his left-hand turn

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Cam Hall, right, and Mark Lazinka, in background, at the Sept. 1 preliminary hearing.

Politically affiliated clubs abound at BSU

BY MICAH MCLAUGHLIN
News Writer

Boise State offers many different ways for students to get involved in campus activities and the community. One of the best ways to do this is to join a politically affiliated organization.

BSU has four prominent politically affiliated groups: the College Democrats, the College Republicans, the Idaho Progressive Student Alliance, and Students for Liberty. Each of these groups has its own goals, both on campus and in the broader community.

The College Democrats is a group aligned with the National Democratic Party and as such support government aid and action as well as the protection of civil rights and liberties. This year, the College Democrats are putting their efforts into educating students.

"[Students] are the largest group with voter apathy," said Nichole Koehler, president of the College Democrats. "Our primary goal is to educate and involve students in the political process."

With that in mind, they will be hosting "Pizza and Politics," a chance for students to meet Democratic state senators and representatives, said Koehler. The time and location are to be announced. There are also plans for a similar activity at RollerDrome in Nampa that will be disco-themed.

The College Republicans are running an internship program with the Idaho legislators in order to build a relationship with them.

"We have about 35 people set up in the legislature. They're looking for young conservatives they can trust to help run their offices, because they don't have any paid staff ... now we just need to find students to fill those ranks," said College Republican President Brandon Stoker.

More broadly, the College Republicans support many of the same goals as the National Republican Party.

That is, they support privatization of Social Security, tighter border security, and a grass roots conservative ideology.

On the other hand, the Idaho Progressive Student Alliance focuses on social, economic, and environmental justice, and this year something called the "Dream Act." The Dream Act is an attempt to aid the undocumented children of undocumented workers here in the U.S., who would normally have little chance of going to college, by allowing them to become naturalized citizens.

The Idaho Progressive Student Alliance also welcomes any suggestions by interested students.

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Motorcyclists concerned about parking

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN
News Writer

While some are excited about the new parking lots for automobiles on campus, it is unclear whether motorcycle parking on campus may be getting less convenient.

Boise State University Campus Parking and Transportation Services are working to create new parking spaces and have recently created a new lot just south of the Student Recreation Center.

As a result, students are wondering if the amount of motorcycle could be reduced.

Motorcyclist Mark Winehart expressed concern. "It's really frustrating to think that parking my motorcycle might soon be getting just as complicated as it is to park my car, especially in the midst of the gas price increase," Winehart said.

Officials say changes have been made to motorcycle parking in a few locations. "The motorcycle parking has not been removed, but some have been relocated," said Jared Everett of Parking and Transportation Services.

"Per code, there were some areas in the west area parking lot where no vehicles could be in the area because of electrical transformers," Everett said.

The motorcycle locations that have been changed have been the ones near both the Chaffee Hall and Barnes Towers dormitories.

"Out at Towers, not everything is perfectly square. We relocated them to the end of the rows, because it was literally dead space, because legally this space is too small for cars," Everett said.

Motorcycle parking near Chaffee Hall has been moved closer to the building, and motorcycle parking near Towers Hall has been moved to a different location on the lot and is not as close to the parking structure as it once was.

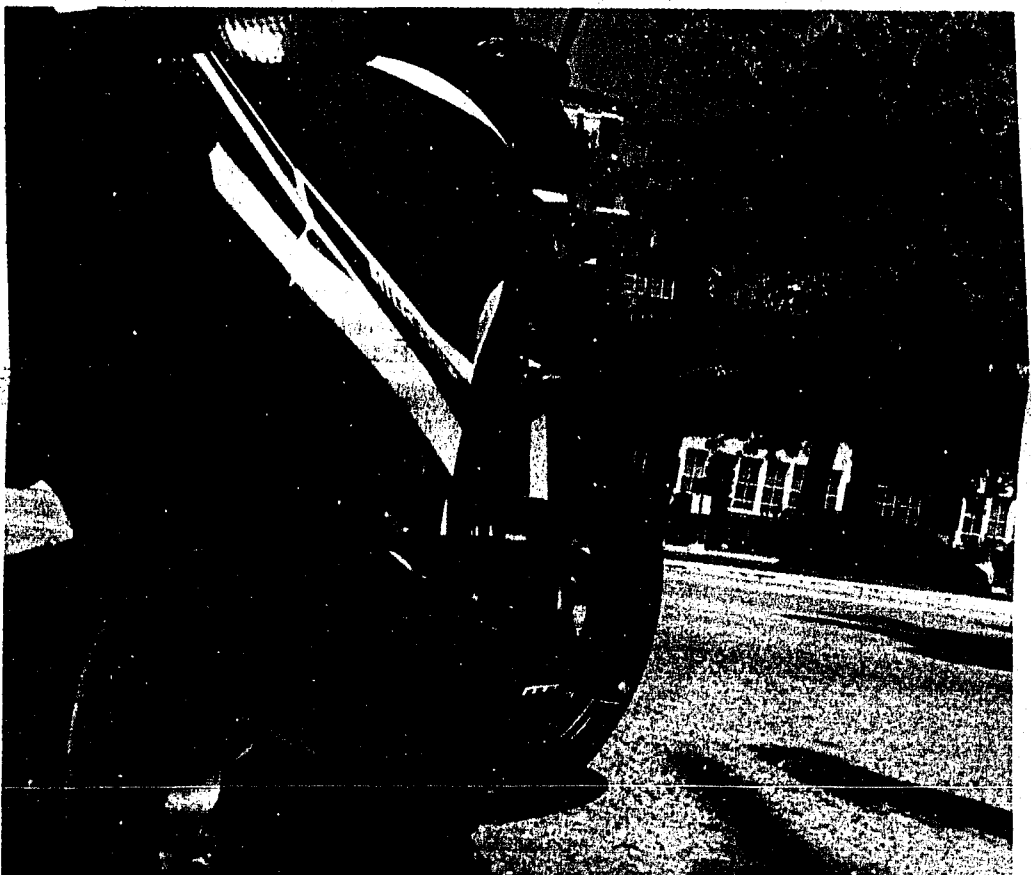
"Motorcycle parking might have changed, but we're definitely not reducing. If anything, we try to encourage students to ride their motorcycles. From a business standpoint, it's more efficient. They require less space, and we almost view it as an alternative way of transportation," Everett said.

Students may also switch to riding their motorcycles to campus because they average better fuel economy.

"It's so much cheaper for gas. It's still pretty nice outside, so why not ride my motorcycle instead of drive my truck," said BSU student Matt Williams.

A parking map is available online at www.boisestate.edu/parking. Asterisks on the map represent motorcycle parking. Overall, parking is available to motorcyclists in 12 locations across campus. Alternative modes of transportation are also available through Valley Ride and Commuteride.

To find out more about Valley



Motorcyclists at BSU have expressed concern regarding the number of available parking spaces. Motorcycle parking is available at 12 locations across campus.

Ride, call 336-1010, and to learn more about Commuteride, call 345-POOL.

Students also should be aware

of the Bronco Shuttle offered to all students on campus. The shuttle runs from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 5:30

p.m. on Friday during the fall and spring semesters only. BSU Parking and Transportation Services can be reached at 426-PARK.

Talkin' Broncos receive honors

BY EMILY POITEVIN
News Writer

Thirteen of the 17 members on Boise State University's speech and debate team were named to the 2004-05 Division I All-Northwest Forensics Conference Team.

Awards are calculated based on the number of points a student earns in an NFC tournament competition.

The first team is comprised of the top 10 percent of all competitors in a division.

Six members of the Talkin' Broncos received this honor.

They are: Kristin Davidson, Nancy Henke, Barton Jackson, Annah Merckley, Scott Nelson, and Lacy Rammel-O'Brien.

Freshmen are not eligible to be named to the first team, no matter how many points they earn.

The highest honor they can receive is to be named to the second team.

The second team is made up of the next 10 percent of top scorers, and four members of the group received this honor.

They are: Hillary Davidson, Krista King, John Pettit, and Wynne Rysavy.

Lastly, team members who receive honorable mentions must score in the next 10 percent.

Michelle Beck, Jared Cook, and Tracy Glass were honored with this award.

In the spring of 2005, the Talkin' Broncos took home the national championship at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament in St. Louis.

They successfully dethroned the six-time defending national champions from Southwest Baptist

University in Missouri.

Rammel-O'Brien stressed how hard the team worked together to come out with the win.

"It was a team effort and everybody really pulled together," O'Brien said. "We all did our part, and it was a success."

The forensics program has been at BSU for more than six decades and offers students an opportunity

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NFC Division I First Team:

Kristin Davidson, Krista King, Hillary Davidson, Nancy Henke, Barton Jackson, Annah Merckley, Scott Nelson, Lacy Rammel-O'Brien, Wynne Rysavy, John Pettit, Krista King, John Pettit, and Wynne Rysavy.

NFC Division I Second Team:

Michelle Beck, Jared Cook, and Tracy Glass.

NFC Division I Honorable Mention:

Michelle Beck, Jared Cook, and Tracy Glass.

What if every BSU student gave \$10?

BY M. GRACE LUCAS
Editor in Chief

The Arbiter is hereby calling on BSU students, staff and faculty members to each give just \$10 to help care for victims of Hurricane Katrina. We want to help you do just that.

As a former resident of Slidell, LA, I am struck by the suffering and chaos that has taken hold in the Gulf Coast region and in the lives of my family members and others in the area. Hurricane Katrina has thrashed the sacred cities and historic places that were just days ago favorite spots for myself and for millions of Americans.

The damage stretches from the cities where homes have been destroyed well into the shelters and homes of people in the states nearby, as people begin to cope with the influx of displaced people.

It continues to stretch from the minds of those wondering how to re-take hold of their own livelihoods to the minds of those tackling the physical, emotional and bureau-

cratic barriers that stand like flood walls against relief efforts.

As the situation unfolds, people around the country are wondering how they can help the hundreds of thousands of victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Many are coming to the realization that the opportunity to help is embedded in all of this tumult. Here at home, students at Boise State need to dive in.

So, what if every student at Boise State did give \$10 to help with relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina? The amount given would be in excess of \$180,000.

Yes, students are, by and large, a less-than-affluent portion of Boise's population, but \$10 is merely a couple of meals at the Student Union Building or one less night at 6th and Main this week. It is a very little individual sacrifice that could add up to a very large contribution.

Consider this your call to action. We are accepting donations via our offices at 1910 University Drive. Take a few minutes and lend a hand, please. We'll be expecting you.

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world

Iraqis bury 1,000 Shiite Muslims killed in stampede

NAJAF, Iraq - Thousands of mourners flooded the southern holy city of Najaf on Thursday to bury victims of a devastating stampede that killed about 1,000 Shiite Muslims and stirred criticism that the Iraqi government had failed to protect its people.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, visiting the wounded in a Baghdad hospital, blamed insurgents for the tragedy, and pledged "a very harsh hit." Jaafari's government on Thursday also carried out the first death sentences since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, hanging three Iraqi men convicted of murder.

News of the executions was all but lost as local TV stations broadcast nonstop images of mass funerals in Najaf and Baghdad. The footage showed orphaned children, weeping relatives, and rows of bodies.

Grieving and angry Iraqis debated who was responsible for the single biggest loss of life since the war began. The stampede occurred Wednesday when thousands of Shiites in a religious procession panicked after hearing a rumor of a suicide bomber on a bridge.

Some angry mourners said the government didn't provide enough crowd control and complained that Baghdad's dilapidated medical infrastructure wasn't prepared to cope with a disaster of this magnitude. Many blamed insurgents for creating a climate of fear in the capital. Others said the U.S. military is ultimately responsible for Iraq's security.

"The Americans are responsi-

ble," said Abbas Kadhim, 39, whose mother died on the bridge and was buried in Najaf. "Their planes were monitoring the event, and yet they stay away because they're afraid of these ceremonies."

But the harshest criticism was reserved for Jaafari's government.

"The Jaafari administration has totally failed in providing security and every other basic service," said Hameed Mohammed, 33, a Sadr City resident who buried his brother in Najaf.

national

Chief Justice William Rehnquist dies at the age of 80

WASHINGTON - William Hubbs Rehnquist, the 16th chief justice of the United States Supreme Court and leader of sweeping efforts to curb federal power and expand state authority, died Saturday night, ending a nearly yearlong fight with thyroid cancer.

Court officials said Rehnquist, who was 80, died at home in Arlington, Va., surrounded by his three adult children. His death ends one of the 20th century's most distinguished high court careers and is likely to touch off a heavily financed and bitterly partisan battle over his replacement.

Although Rehnquist was seriously ill, his death comes as somewhat of a surprise, because he had returned to the bench in January and had been at work almost every day this summer. He had been hospitalized twice, however, for fevers.

White House spokeswoman Jeanie Mamo said President Bush was informed shortly before 11 p.m. about Rehnquist's death. "President

and Mrs. Bush are deeply saddened," she said. "His family is in their thoughts and prayers." She said the president plans to make a statement Sunday morning after he leaves church.

Former clerks remember him as a dedicated public servant with a strong view of the Constitution, the court, and the law.

"Over three decades, he moved — and improved — the court's doctrines having to do with criminal justice, federal power, and the role of religion in the public square of our society," said Richard Garnett, now a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame.

Said Chuck Cooper, a private practice lawyer and former assistant attorney general:

"What we have seen over the past 15 years, under Chief Justice Rehnquist's leadership, is the court reviving the Founding Fathers' vision of limited government, and, in the process, enlarging the liberties of individuals in this country."

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Theatre Majors Association to present reading of 'Frozen'

The Theatre Majors Association of Boise State University will present a staged reading of "Frozen" at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 15, in the Morrison Center Recital Hall.

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$5 general and \$3 with any student ID.

The event is part of the association's new play reading series.

"Frozen," by Bryony Lavery, is the story of a mother, Nancy, whose daughter, 10-year-old Rhona,

goes missing.

Agnetha, an American academic, comes to England to research a thesis: "Serial Killing — A Forgivable Act?"

Then there's Ralph, a loner who is looking for some distraction.

The three are drawn together by horrific circumstances and embark on a long, dark journey that finally curves upward toward the light. Angry, humane, and compassionate, "Frozen" is an extraordinary play that explores our capacity for forgiveness, remorse, and change after an act that would seem to rule them out entirely.

For more information, visit <http://theatre.boisestate.edu> and click on "Theatre Majors Association."

Acclaimed author Denis Johnson to speak at Boise State

Writer Denis Johnson will read at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 16 in the Boise State Student Union Building Lookout Room.

The event is part of the Boise State MFA program's reading series.

It is free and open to the public. Johnson, who also is an acclaimed and dynamic poet, playwright, and essayist, has received many awards for his work.

His books and collections include "Jesus' Son," "Angels," "Resuscitation of a Hanged Man," and "The Incognito Lounge."

His work has appeared in The Paris Review, The New Yorker, and McSweeney's.

Johnson's novel "Jesus' Son" was turned into a movie in 1999. Johnson also has reported from locations such as Somalia and Liberia for magazines such as Esquire.

He lives in Northern Idaho.

How you can help the victims of Hurricane Katrina

Boise State University is encouraging its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters to assist in the relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast. The university is also offering to immediately accommodate any students whose planned studies this fall have been postponed by the effects of the hurricane. Interested students should contact Boise State's Admissions Office at (208) 426-1820 or toll free at 1-800-824-7017.

With the tragic devastation that has taken place due to the hurricane, Boise State University is offering assistance to the victims through donations to the relief organizations and educational opportunities for the displaced students, said Boise State President Bob Kustra.

We intend to reach out and help any way we can in this very difficult time.

The campus community will be able to make donations via containers at the Student Union Building and around campus that will be collected for a relief organization. The university is also planning to collect donations at its first home football game on Sept. 21, at Bronco Stadium for the American Red Cross, as well as other campus sporting and cultural events. Additionally, here is contact information on two relief organizations and general tips for giving.

Contact the Red Cross at 1-800-HELP-NOW, or visit www.redcross.org.

The Salvation Army can be reached by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY or visiting www.salvationarmyusa.org

what the?

Heh, heh, they'll never catch us... sputter, sput

In an attempt to catch thieves who had been stealing gasoline from his storage shed, a farmer in remote Pendarves, New Zealand, put sugar into a barrel of fuel and waited.

A car pulled up in the dead of night, and the occupants poured the spiked gas into their vehicle and drove off.

The car sputtered to a stop a short distance later, and the farmer caught up with them and held them for police.

Don't worry, I think we can make a deal

Workers at Florida Memorial University were charging students \$100 to \$150 to hack into the school's computer and improve their grades. At least one young lady had sex with one of them.

A police spokesman said, "Apparently, she didn't have the financial means to pay for the grade change."

Oh yeah? Well, take that, little gipper!

A man broke up with his girlfriend and went on eBay to sell a dress she had left behind. He posted a picture of her wearing the dress and said you could buy it "skank not included." The woman responded by linking the image to nude pictures she had taken of him.

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BSU Community College plans put on hold

BY GINNY EGGLESTON
News Writer

Plans to open a community college in Canyon County by Jan. 2006 have been put on hold indefinitely. BSU President Robert Kustra explained the situation in his State of the University address on Aug. 17.

"We are still firmly committed to sponsoring a community college in the region, but we intend to do so in a manner that holds us harmless financially," Kustra said.

Rep. Ann Rydallch from Idaho Falls has already begun drafting legislation that will use state taxes to fund community colleges all over the state. She plans on putting the legislation forth during the 2006 session.

"We should await the state's plan [before moving forward with the community college]," Kustra said.

Rydallch said that the important thing is to get the tax burden off the backs of property owners.

"We want to leave the state's three universities to develop into premiere research institutions and get them out of the remediation business, so they can concentrate on masters, Ph.D.s and baccalaureate programs," Rydallch said.

Rydallch is currently working with the legislative budget office to figure out how to fund a state-sponsored community college initiative.

When asked if she thought the community college legislation would be adopted by the state, she said she "hoped" it would, but that there are no guarantees.

There is some concern that if Kustra does not actively sponsor a community college plan, the state



Plans to establish BSU West are on hold until legislation is drafted, according to BSU President Robert Kustra.

will continue to ignore the problem. The Idaho Statesman published an "Our View" article Aug. 18, that outlined some of these concerns.

The article said that "the community college needs the kind of champion Kustra has become for university research and scholarship ... Kustra needs to help lead the Treasure Valley toward a community-college solution."

The BSU administration, however, continues to refute claims that it is backing off from the community college problem. In a statement to the Community College Coalition, Provost Sona Andrews said, "Please know that Boise State is as committed as ever to seeing a community college in the Treasure Valley, however, we recognize our responsibility to be part of a broader, state-wide solution."

The need for a two-year college in the Treasure Valley is apparent. This year, BSU turned away more than 800 students who could have been served by a local community college.

Students hoping to enroll in the spring at BSU West no longer have the option.

The building will still be used, but not exclusively for people seeking two-year programs.

Legal downloads arrive at campuses

BY KAVITA KUMAR
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In the coming weeks, three university campuses in Missouri will offer a service to legally download copyrighted music and movies at low rates to try to foster a more law-abiding student body.

The University of Missouri campuses in Rolla and Columbia, as well as Missouri State University in Springfield, recently signed contracts with Colorado-based Cdigix, a digital file-sharing company similar to Ruckus Network and Napster that has begun to partner with dozens of universities nationwide.

For a few dollars a month, students will be able to download an unlimited number of songs from Cdigix's catalogue to as many as three computers. For more money, they can permanently buy songs to burn to a CD or a portable device and download movies and television programs.

School administrators say they hope this will help curb Internet piracy on campuses, but acknowledge this is not a panacea to the rampant problem. Some considerable hurdles still exist.

Most services like Cdigix are not compatible with Macintosh computers and are difficult to transfer to the immensely popular iPod. Schools also have to fight students' habits of downloading for free.

"Cdigix is one more thing we're doing to give students the opportunity to do the right thing," said Beth Chancellor, Mizzou's director of telecommunications. "But I haven't heard anything from students to indicate that they will stop what they are doing."

John Lambird, a sophomore who worked on bringing an online me-

dia provider to Mizzou, is also uncertain about Cdigix's potential impact.

"I really don't know. It's not all that expensive, and the fact that we can put it on our school bill also helps," he said, referring to the fact that students can put their subscription fee on their student charge card.

Officials at Missouri State are more optimistic — in part because the student government voted for students to be assessed a \$10 computer fee per semester that will go toward monthly subscriptions. In comparison, individual students at Mizzou and Rolla will have to decide each month whether to continue subscribing to the service.

"I expect a very high percentage of students to take advantage of it," said Jim Taylor, MSU's technology projects coordinator. "Really, the vast majority of students, if given a legal alternative, are going to use it."

In Springfield, it was students who approached the university about a legal option that would be cheaper than other commercial outfits.

Not everyone is sold on the idea, acknowledges Robert Martin, an MSU junior who is on student government. Mac users and people who don't download music are not enthused about being assessed a fee for something they won't or can't use. But most students support it, he said.

Programs like Cdigix are not perfect, said Brian Buege, Rolla's director of networks and computing systems. "But overall, I think it's going to be a lot better than what we have, which is nothing," he said. "We think we're giving our students a pretty good deal."

Clubs

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Meetings are held Sundays at 5:00 p.m., in the SUB Boyington Room.

Finally, Students for Liberty is the resident libertarian party on campus. According to Robbi Blessin, student advisor to StudentsforLiberty, "[Libertarians] believe in personal and economic freedom. Meaning you should have freedom of your own body and ... economic worth, as in the

government is too big, and we need to reduce the size ... that's our big goal."

This fall, Students for Liberty is working on getting the 2004 presidential candidate for the libertarian party, Michael Badnarick, to speak here at BSU.

Although this is not a major election year, Students for Liberty is involved in preparing a cam-

paign for gubernatorial candidate Ted Dunlap.

Students for Liberty has also provided some numbers from a poll they conducted during the recent Organizational Fair on the Quad. According to their poll, out of 76 respondents, 34 percent were centrist (moderate), 26 percent libertarian, 25 percent liberal (Democratic), 9 percent conserva-

tive (Republican), and 5 percent were authoritarian. This poll can be found at www.theadvocates.org/quiz.html.

If any students are interested in contacting or joining a politically affiliated organization, contact information can be found at <http://union.boisestate.edu/organizations/involvement.cfm>, under Services & Special Interests.

BSU employee aids police in theft arrest

BY SARA BAHNSON
News Editor

A BSU employee has assisted the Boise Police Department in the arrest of William Scoville, a homeless man unaffiliated with BSU, according to Sgt. Stan Niccols of the Boise Police Department.

"This is an example of community policing at its best," Niccols said.

The employee, reportedly a custodian at BSU, called the Boise Police Department on Aug. 31 at approximately 6:00 a.m. after witnessing Scoville take bicycle parts from the racks in front of the Mechanical Technology Building.

Scoville later admitted to taking cables and levers from a locked bicycle that did not belong to him, according to a University Security campus crime log.

Scoville allowed the officer who arrived on the scene to check his backpack, where the parts were found.

Two baggies of methamphetamine were also found.

Scoville was arrested and has been charged with theft and possession of a controlled substance.

Niccols said that the witness's tip was vital in arresting Scoville.

"About 95 percent of the people we catch come from community policing."

Debate

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to learn debate, public speaking, and oral interpretation.

They then have the chance to compete with colleges from around the nation.

BSU is a member of the Northwest Forensics Conference and competes against an association of 42 colleges and universities in five different neighboring states.

Any full-time student with at least a 2.80 GPA is eligible to try out for the speech and debate team. The amount of time a team member puts in generally depends on the event in which they are competing.

More information can be found on the communication department's Web site, <http://comm.boisestate.edu>.

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Professor says New Orleans flooding was inevitable

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT
News Writer

In his dry Boise office, Todd Shallat is nearly 2,000 miles from a submerged New Orleans. Despite his physical distance from the hurricane-ravaged city, Shallat

Orleans' structure.

"It's sinking faster than any place on earth," Shallat said. "The wetland areas of coastal Louisiana lose about one acre to the ocean about every 15 to 20 minutes."

The beneath sea-level city was built on a swamp and resembles

You can look back in history to know how inevitable it was ... engineers have been waiting for this.

a bowl, with the Mississippi River on one side and Lake Pontchartrain on the other. Lake Pontchartrain really is a port, not a lake, Shallat said, because it's connected to the Gulf of Mexico. Hurricanes can sweep through the gulf, through Lake Pontchartrain, and into the sinking city. After devastating hurricanes in the

1960s, engineers say they wanted to close off Lake Pontchartrain from the Gulf of Mexico, but it was too complicated politically and economically, Shallat said.

Closing off the port would destroy the fishery provided by the rich Lake Pontchartrain, which helped the economy thrive.

"It was never built," Shallat said. "New Orleans is still vulnerable to hurricanes. Instead, they built tall levees."

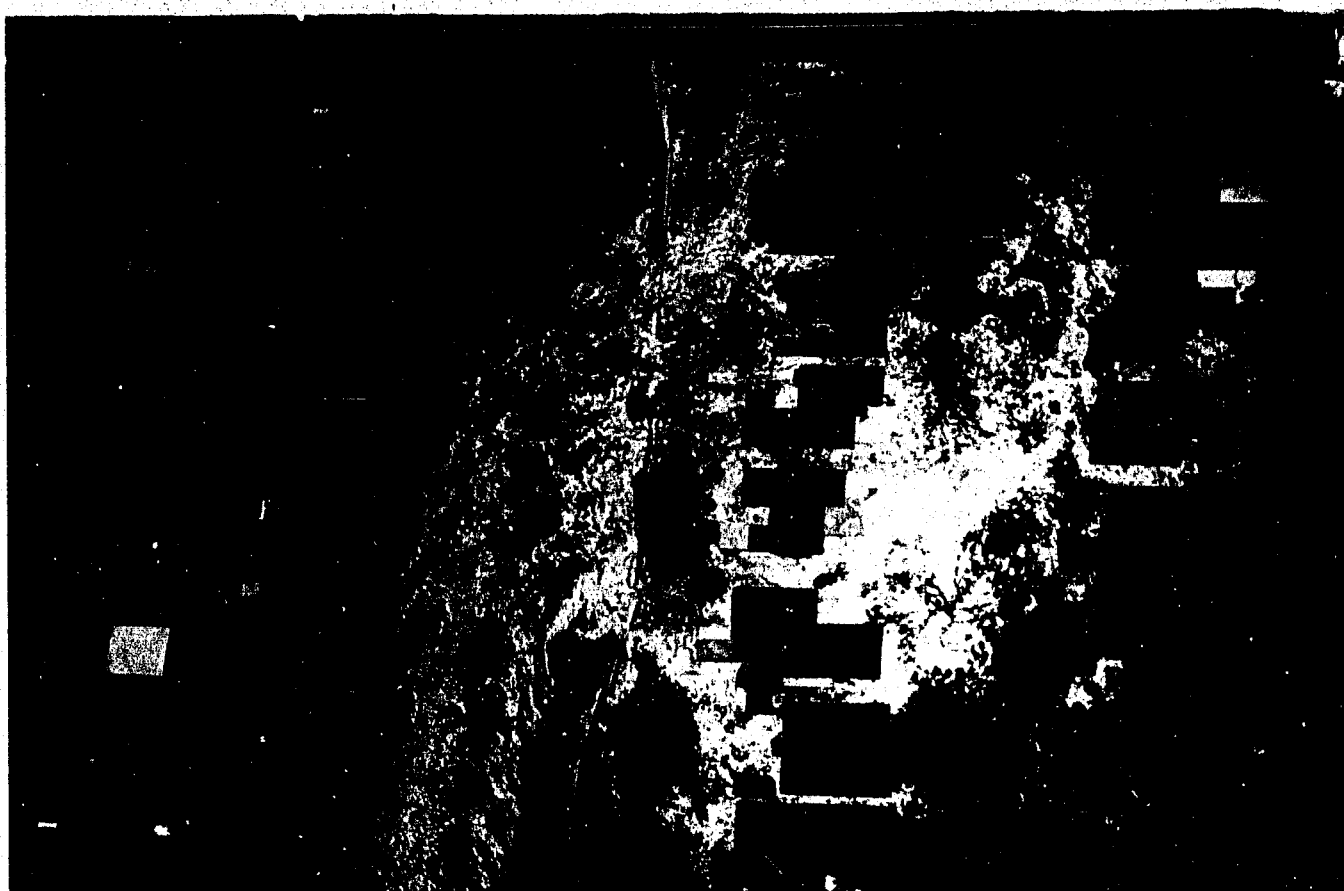
The levees saved the city from small disasters, but "once they top, they melt," Shallat said.

Shallat believes that saving the city from small disasters, such as floods, made it more vulnerable to major disasters.

Prior to the creation of dams and levees, the Mississippi would bring silt from around the country and flood. But the flood would create a layer, building up the levees, Shallat said. Now, without natural flooding, the man-made levees topple under the water's pressure.

Another factor is the pumps, which failed.

"The pumps really suck ... well, that's not the point. They need it to



A break in a levee, right side of the photo, is shown along the 17th Street Canal in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 30.

suck," Shallat said.

Since the 1960s, the situation has only worsened.

For one thing, more people dwell in disaster-doomed areas than 40 years ago.

"There's a lot more people. There were 3 million people in harm's way," Shallat said. "People have short term memories. The dams have helped before, we've had near misses before, but we've always survived."

Many didn't take Katrina's wrath seriously, which contributed to the high death toll.

According to reports from Knight Ridder Tribune, thousands of people stayed in New Orleans. As of

Sept. 5, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said, "It wouldn't be unreasonable to have 10,000 [dead]."

While survivors recover, so must the city. Shallat said he thinks the government will try to resuscitate New Orleans, but it will take time.

Katrina's wounds may be too

deep for the city to fully recover, Shallat said.

"I don't know if [Katrina] will destroy New Orleans," Shallat said.

If the city heals from Katrina's wounds, Shallat believes New Orleans may not recover from a hurricane again, unless certain

things are changed.

"They will seal off the city and drain it, but it's still a temporary fix," Shallat said. "This is a miss, not a hit. Katrina was only a category three. This isn't as bad as it gets, and that makes it more frightening."

Students in limbo due to Katrina, left with unanswered questions

BY MEGAN TWOHEY
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Mark Stip was brimming with excitement when he packed his belongings in the car and set out for New Orleans on Aug. 26. The 21-year-old from Milwaukee is entering his senior year at Tulane University. As he looked ahead, Stip saw two final semesters spent with college friends, graduation in the spring, and the launch of a career next summer.

Then, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, leaving in its path of destruction almost a dozen colleges in the New Orleans area that were forced to shut down. The colleges could be closed for a semester, or even a year, according to the American Council on Education.

Nearly 100,000 students from across the country are in limbo as a result. They must decide soon whether to transfer, wait for their schools to reopen, or drop out of college altogether this year.

"I feel frozen," said Stip, who is thinking about returning to Milwaukee, getting a job, and taking classes at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee next semester. "It's hard to react to it all."

Kate Garvey was just beginning her freshman year at the University of New Orleans when the hurricane hit. The 18-year-old, who had earned a swimming scholarship, was looking forward to competing and the start of classes. Back in Wisconsin, she is mulling over what to do now.

"I was looking forward to starting this whole new life," Garvey said.

"Now everything has been put on hold."

The condition of the colleges in the New Orleans area, among them, Dillard University, Loyola University, and the University of New Orleans, is unclear, said Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education.

Phone lines are down, he said. Tulane might be the only one maintaining a Web site.

"The majority of the damage can be remediated in a reasonable period of time," Tulane President Scott Cowen said in a statement posted Tuesday night.

But he added, "We don't know when our employees will be able to return to the city, much less to the university."

In the meantime, other colleges are scrambling to help.

Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta took in hundreds of Tulane students who had been staying at Jackson State University after being evacuated. Most of those students now are heading home.

But Georgia Tech is still trying to find long-term housing for 83 international graduate students who cannot return home, said Elizabeth Campbell, a Georgia Tech spokeswoman.

Centenary College in Shreveport, La., told Hartle it was housing 250 displaced Dillard students in its field house.

George Washington University, Tufts University, and the University of Florida are among the colleges that have told the council on education that they are willing to enroll students who want to transfer.

UWM has already enrolled a

Shorewood freshman who was scheduled to begin at Xavier University of Louisiana. UWM told other displaced students that they can earn college credits that can be transferred to their original schools.

"We've seen a flurry of activity as a picture begins to emerge of how bad and long-lasting the hurricane damage is," said Tom Luljak, UWM's vice chancellor for university relations. "It looks like we're going to see more and more in the coming days."

Marquette University is opening its doors to students from Loyola or Tulane. UW-Madison, meanwhile, is offering enrollment in its undergraduate programs to Wisconsin residents whom it has previously accepted.

Freshmen and upperclassmen not previously accepted to UW-Madison can continue their education through the university's Division of Continuing Studies.

"We want to do everything in our power to assist families, especially Wisconsin families, as they cope with the horrible damage caused by this natural disaster," said Chancellor John D. Wiley. He said other Big Ten and national research universities are planning similar efforts.

But it's a bad time to scramble.

Classes are beginning. Because their communication is knocked out, New Orleans colleges cannot advise students on what they should do and whether credits will transfer.

"Mother Nature could not have picked a worse week for college students," Hartle said.

Hall

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onto I-55, Lazinka smashed into the Perfect's Subaru, killing the entire family on impact.

The collision "sheared off" the drivers-side of the Perfect's car, according to Squires, sending the vehicle spinning, and flipped Lazinka's pickup onto its roof as it skidded away.

Squires said he and his passenger Shawn Perrigo called 911 and jumped out of their vehicle

to check on the accident. Squires said that the passengers in the pickup were coherent, and (after trying to open the doors and failing) he left them to check on the Subaru and its passengers.

They found Tony Perfect on the roadway near the collision point, without a pulse. Stephanie Perfect still seat-belted, slumped across the drivers seat, without a pulse, and the couple's five-month old

child lying in the roadway, without a pulse.

Hall allegedly left the scene without calling police and proceeded to his place of employment. Accident photos were shown at the hearing.

A senior from Kennewick, Wash., Hall was a starting safety last year and was fifth on the team with 46 total tackles and three interceptions.

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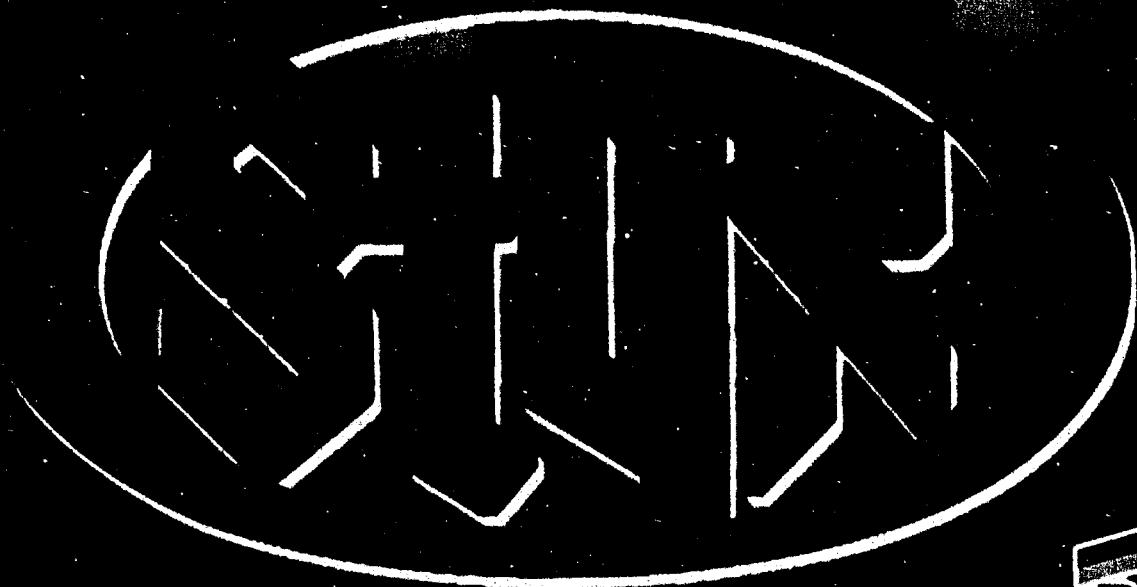
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What Do You See?

Where should America's priorities be: New Orleans, Iraq, or on gas prices?

BY BRANDON NOLTA
Opinion Writer

Thousands stranded, thousands more possibly dead in New Orleans and surrounding areas. The war in Iraq continues to drag on, killing scores on both sides, setting the stage for events like the stampede that killed hundreds of pilgrims in Baghdad. And what sets people off most? Gas prices.

Tempers are flaring nationally at gas stations and convenience stores as motorists, outraged at prices nearing (and passing) \$3 a gallon, take their anger and fears

out on clerks and fellow customers. Complaints, threats, even a few old-fashioned fisticuffs for good measure have been occurring lately. That's effective. Makes you wonder where our priorities are.

Or maybe not. After all, human tragedy is just about people. The rise in gas prices affects our bottom line, reduces our money. And, as Danny DeVito pointed out in David Mamet's film "Heist," "Everybody needs money. That's why they call it money." Anything, that threatens that... well, now you're talking trouble.

It's all a matter of priorities. Why

we go to work, what we do for a living, the policies we make, and the promises we keep. Why do we do what we do? For survival, for comfort, for perception. Whether the people go, so goeth the nation. Our government has acted, for better or worse, for the same reasons we do.

Take the war in Iraq. (Please! Bless you, Henny Youngman.) People protest it daily, fight ideological and sometimes physical over it, and to date, we still don't have a cohesive, coherent explanation for it. Weapons of mass destruction, birthing Middle East democracy, taking out a feared despot. We hear

all these, but many people don't buy it. Do you?

Look at it another way. Do our actions in Iraq improve our survival? Possibly, though it's a thin line of argument.

Do they affect our comfort? So far, in the negative column. Does it affect our perceptions? Well, now, here's an interesting idea.

Worldwide, America's taken a body blow in the court of public opinion, but America has never been a big fan of global opinion. Part of that is independence with a touch of isolationism, part of it is institutional arrogance. How does

it affect our perceptions at home? Now we're at the meat of the matter.

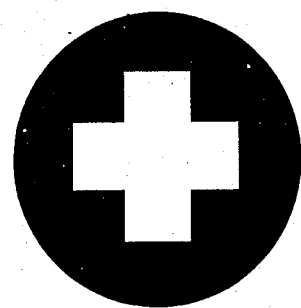
One of the companies I have worked for had a favorite buzz phrase: "Perception is reality." Annoying, but arguably true. Now, we have people in power in our nation at a time when the religious right is having a resurgence in popularity and political power.

Being perceived by this group, who has been an increasingly powerful player in political and popular culture over the last decade, as being decisive and ready to make hard decisions is a solid investment.

War has a way, right or wrong, of settling the hash. It may not resolve the basic issues, or even address them, but it has a way of resetting the debate, if only for a time. It shouldn't surprise anyone that in a time of economic change and geopolitical instability, war comes about.

What should be surprising is how easily it has become a marketing tool. Think about that, and ask yourself if that changes your perceptions.

It should.



Planning for an emergency

What you as a student can do

BY JARED EVERETT
Guest Opinion

I was 21-years-old, living in family housing at a major metropolitan University. I came home from class and saw a note on my apartment door. It stated that one of the city's water plants had detected high levels of bacteria that could cause sickness. They expected the problem to be resolved in a few days, and that I should boil all my drinking water.

The water plant served about two square miles of the city, and other parts of the city were not affected. Naïve as I was, thinking this to be a relatively isolated incident, I had the bright idea of walking down the street to the grocery store and buying a few gallons of drinking water.

Thinking I had discovered the note early, I felt confident I could secure some water and prevent the inconvenience of having to boil it. When I arrived to the grocery store, it was nothing short of a mob scene.

People were rushing shelves and buying any water available, including the \$3 a bottle imports. One unlucky stocker had the misfortune of bringing a pallet of water onto the floor from the stock room, and before he had even reached the beverage aisle, he had been pushed to the floor by the mob, and the pallet of water disappeared within a minute.

Lessons learned, this was not a disaster. Water from the tap could have been used safely after boiling, yet many, including myself, were unprepared, and the local grocery store only had enough supply for the eager mob to last only a few minutes.

Today, you can drop by my office and see my gallon of water. I am determined to never go thirsty again!

As a student, much of your resources are applied to the cost of an education. The typical student also lives in an apartment or dorm and does not have a garage or third bedroom to store emergency supplies. So what can a student reasonably do to be prepared in case of an emergency? While this is far from a comprehensive emergency plan, here are some points to consider.

➔ Think of what disasters are most likely to affect you. In Boise, we are in little danger of a typhoon, hurricane, or tsunami, but it is possible for a flood, tornado, or earthquake to occur. Even more likely is a fire, chemical spill, power outage, or pizza shortage. Focus on preparing for the emergencies most likely to occur where you live.

➔ Keep copies of important documents such as SS card, birth certificate, and driver's license in a safe place. It is probably good to keep copies with your parents or other relatives.

➔ Keep a roll of quarters in an emergency these may work in vending machines and pay phones. (Cell phones might not work.) Have an out-of-state phone number that you can call, and your parents can call to hear from you. During an emergency, it is usually easier to get a line out-of-state than in state. Tell your family you will call Aunt Betty in Fargo, if you can't get a local line.

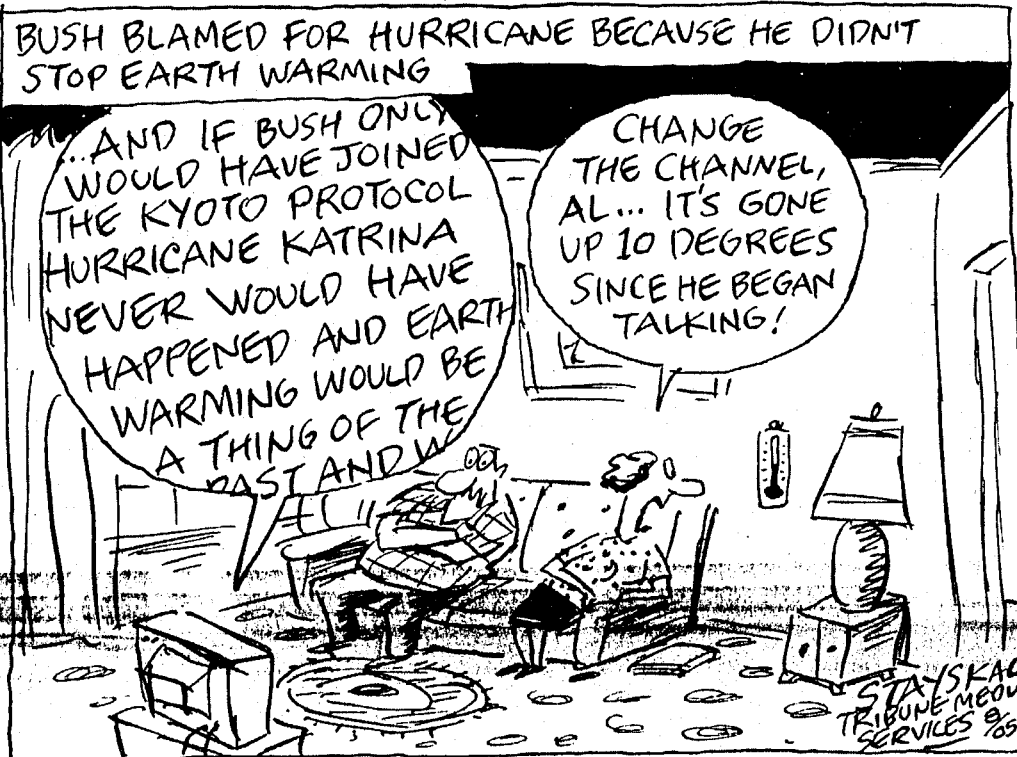
➔ If you live in student housing, understand their policy for emergency response. If your dorm were on fire, where should you assemble? Should you notify housing before going to a friend or family member's off campus? If you are unaccounted for, people may be searching for you.

➔ Many organizations like FEMA encourage people to have a 72-hour kit assembled. Many studies have shown it can take up to 3 days for emergency assistance to arrive, and the recent crisis in Louisiana has taught us it can take even longer. While you may not have the funds or space to develop a comprehensive 72-hour kit, you can take a small bag and assemble compact food sources such as energy bars, bottle water, basic first aid supplies, prescriptions you may need, and anything else you can reasonably obtain. A more comprehensive suggestion list for an emergency kit can be found at FEMA's preparation Web site, <http://www.fema.gov/library/prepandprev.shtml>.

➔ Have enough cash to last a few days, as credit card terminals and ATMs might not be operating.

➔ Keep your vehicle as full of gasoline as possible. During an emergency, fuel will be in tight supply, and waiting in-line for fuel may be wasting valuable time needed for an evacuation.

While I am grateful we live in a relatively safe environment, recently ranked the second safest place to live in America for disasters by Forbes Magazine, we should not be complacent, and a little preparation may go a long way.



Bad time to be black in New Orleans

BY LEONA ELLSWORTH
Arbiter Staff Opinion

Recently, I happened to tune into CNN to hear a young rapper diverted from his scripted lines to say that George Bush didn't care for black people, which is what most black Americans believe.

I kept watching CNN to see if there was more the rapper said because I couldn't image why a statement like that was causing such outrage. In watching CNN, it occurred to me that I was seeing only black faces destitute without food, water, and toilets. There was trash all over and people were making makeshift potties out of chairs. Then I saw soldiers with guns.

So I wrote Larry King Live to ask why haven't those people been provided with port potties? Why haven't the soldiers broken into stores to secure food and water? Why do I see soldiers standing around guarding stores with guns when there are people dehydrated and starving to death?

Most likely those storeowners have insurance policies and are going to file claims because the damage the flood has done to their products. So why do they

have soldiers guarding what humans need to sustain their lives after a natural disaster?

I pointed out that throughout the tsunami, concerned citizens, governments, and individuals were clearing out the trash and dead bodies to prevent disease. I saw how people were fed and taken care of, so why aren't we doing that for New Orleans? Is it because

no rich white tourists are in that area?

I completely agree with the rapper and also told CNN I didn't want to hear about people looting stores in order to feed themselves and their children. I said I'm sure during the tsunami disaster people broke into stores to provide food and clothing for the survivors. I said

not once did I hear anyone being accused of stealing. I made a point of pointing out that the face of Katrina was black and asked them if that is the reason President Bush took so long to respond. Later I wrote that it took President Bush less than 24 hours to respond to one white man dying (Chief Justice William Rehnquist), but its taken him over four days to respond to hundreds upon thousands of dead black people.

Not long after my first email, they brought port a potties to the sites.

Why do I see soldiers standing around guarding stores with guns when there are people dehydrated and starving to death?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Here's a "few words" on censorship

Mark Wheeler (Vice President of Student Affairs) claimed the way the administration modified the posters from the Women's Center was "absolutely not censorship." The definition of censorship is "the action of a censor in stopping the transmission or publication of matter considered objectionable." That's exactly what they did.

BSU administrators modified the posters and brochures to stop the transmission of "make sex safer and more pleasurable," because they found it objectionable and replaced it with "a safe and healthy relationship" because they did not find that objectionable. So, yes, it was censorship.

When you cover up words with stickers or change the wording for purposes of stopping something that you find objectionable; that's censorship. He also claims it was "Nothing incredibly edgy." Then why censor it? It gave a clear message to all organizations and students on campus to watch your step, and especially your speech.

The administration is looking to build a "University of Distinction." What would they like BSU to be distinct for? With the kind of censorship they seem to promote, the distinction will be that of an atmosphere of suppression.

For Mark Wheeler to say, "It was just a few words," is offensive. It was "just a few words" that launched

the Nazi death camps. It was "just a few words" that enabled the targeting and destruction of two cities and millions of people in Japan. It was "just a few words" that set off a stampede during a religious pilgrimage in Iraq this week that killed nearly a thousand people.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream speech" has been reduced to just a few words in general application, and yet it still carries an impact that transcends time and racial boundaries, and certainly the message has not been diminished because, "it was just a few words."

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Different vagina stories mean different things

I'm puzzled by the differences in the stories on chocolate vaginas presented by channel 2 (KBCI) and The Arbiter. On KBCI, Autumn Haynes said (or was quoted as saying; I can't remember, it's been several weeks) that the Women's Center had been passing out chocolate vaginas to new dorm residents for several years. The Arbiter quoted Frank Zang as saying that this was a one-time mistake, with Ms. Haynes agreeing.

The difference is meaningful. Either KBCI blew the story, or the university is rather crudely covering up. If it's the latter, I'm disappointed. The university has shown that it can jump through hoops to justify signing on with a sponsor that uses slaves, but can't handle the relatively simple task of explaining that Rush Limbaugh doesn't run this place? Perhaps as important, on KBCI, the vaginas were white chocolate. The Arbiter's are not.

Maybe there's more to the story?

Nick Miller
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Opinion writer's article perpetrates fear, racism and paranoia

I came across one interesting quirk of newspapers; a buried story. Among the hub-bub about chocolate vaginas was an opinion piece entitled, "Porous Borders: America's Achilles' heel", dripping with not so subtle forms of discrimination like making up names of countries. Maybe Mr. Stoker isn't aware that there are students on campus from the countries he is making fun of. Ignorance.

Half-truths and propaganda laden statistics lead to assumptions without asking the most pertinent question. Why? Why would people

leave their homes, families, way of life, to risk rape, torture, imprisonment and all too often, death, all this to come to a place where they most certainly will be discriminated against? Could it be in part that the "Free Trade" Agreements and conditions imposed by the WTO and the World Bank create not so "free" conditions? Maybe instead of propagating fear by demonizing those not of the dominant culture, we should be asking why a writer of a newspaper can't distinguish between immigrant and terrorist? What purpose other than maintaining racism and a culture of fear, could there be in creating a blurred line between friend and foe?

Perpetuating this paranoia is what leads to pictures in national newspapers of white people up to their chests in water, carrying grocery bags, with captions describing them as "gathering groceries" and pictures of black people up to their chests in water, carrying grocery bags, with captions that describe them as "looting".

It's what leads to migrant farm workers being allowed back into the fields too soon after the fields were sprayed with poisonous chemicals. Why the story barley made the news and why the care of those affected was minimal at best.

We should be careful not to look for the easy answers, use your curiosity to find the truth.

Amy Salisbury
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Editor's Note:

Due to the excessive amount of repetitive emails regarding decisions Boise State University students would like to see the administration apologize for, the editor has created this summarized list:

- "Taco Bell Arena." Need we say more?
- Not having 24-hour on site library access while continuing to claim Boise State University is on its way to becoming a major metropolitan university.
- Excessive tuition increases while offering less available classes.
- Lack of shelves and hooks in the men's bathrooms on campus. Seriously, nobody likes having to hold their books with one hand and pee with the other.
- Boise State is the largest university in the state of Idaho but offers only two doctoral programs. Sorry graduate students, but you'll have to move to the happening towns of Lewiston, Pocatello, and Moscow to continue your education.

Intelligent design vs. evolutionary theory

BY BRIAN HOLMES
Opinion Writer

God must certainly love the bridge-burners. For they are a dutiful group, enamored with the self-absorbed reflex to start completely over when nothing works out in their desired favor.

Take for instance those creative and subversive folks who sit on the Kansas Board of Education, or the eerily gleeful members that make up the Christian family network Focus on the Family.

These organizations are in the business of setting important, progressive issues aside and wiping the slates clean. And as the memberships in such organizations as Focus on the Family and the Christian Coalition increase, so too, the likelihood that current relations between church and state are likely to boil over.

Which finally brings me to my point: How are we going to reconcile the important issues that should demand more of our viewership and undivided attention?

Are we to allow our educational standards and sound, scientific theory to get state board-approved

makeovers? And not just any makeover, but some really creepy makeovers that ache to be done by the former bunkmate of Martha Stewart.

And what about love? Is that something that only heterosexual families can provide? The vast majority of the scientific community refuses to accept the principles that form the basis of Intelligent Design.

They righteously believe that Intelligent Design has no place among the debating tiers, let alone to be taught alongside evolutionary theory in our public school system.

But, by ignoring the issue, no matter the disagreement, our educational standards for the upcoming generations slide slowly back into the primordial ooze that we have been trying to bring ourselves out from under.

When one side of the issue, whether it be those that firmly believe in Intelligent Design as a means of expressing faith through history or those that believe that biology and natural selection are key elements to our existence, are ignored and snubbed, then that side digs in its heels and budes no further.

Surely, there must be a compro-



mise that yields to none, but affirms both positions. Those that live by faith complement their belief every day with prayer, even if that means praying harder for those poor, downtrodden homosexual children of the world.

Those that live with science de-

mand more of the world through research, competition, and community involvement, even if it means on occasion selling out to highest bidder.

What matters most is the concern that each group, project, or leadership involvement is in a constant

search for more power in order to reach a greater audience. By doing so, those that reside in the middle become muddled and confused, and then ultimately decide against voting, which is the worst thing one can do.

As for my suggestion, as a highly

sensitive and tense species that always nuzzles the security blankets of our lives, let's come together and ditch the bridge-burners and opt instead for the mediators. We may not like the results, but at least we came together as fellow human beings.



BY DREW LOWDER
Guest Opinion

So, you're looking for a man?

This is something that I probably can help you out with. In my experience, doing such a thing is the simplest thing to do.

You see a guy from across the way. He is dressed nice and seems to have all of the right moves when he is around the people that he is familiar with. Holds himself with confidence as he mingles with everyone else. Yet, these are features that a person can get a little scared of. The thought of rejection is the first thing that enters your head.

Always keep in your mind that there are worse things in this world than rejection. The fear of being denied by something that he might find unattractive is a scary thought. What will make you most attractive is the confidence of going up to him and just asking him his name? I know this isn't landing the deal like you want right off hand, but it gets you in the door.

Basic questions always work the best: Where are you from? What do you do for fun? What are your hobbies?

When you try to overthink the situation is where the nerves start to eat at you, and you look like a total idiot.

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BY DREW MAYES
Opinion Editor

Unlike my Team Drew partner, I don't have much experience in man on man pickup situations. What I do have is a good amount of experience in hanging out with all different kinds of people.

Through all of these different people, I have learned one thing: People are people.

It doesn't matter if you're gay, straight, or bisexual. You can be a guy or a girl, black, white, brown, yellow, purple, and even power blue, it's all the same... people are people. And all people are attracted to smart, funny, confident people.

So if you're trying to find yourself a little hot man-love, then make your future partner laugh every once in a while. When you talk, don't sound like a total jackass, but instead like the confident, intelligent person you are, or at least pretend to be when somebody important (or your ex for that matter) is around.

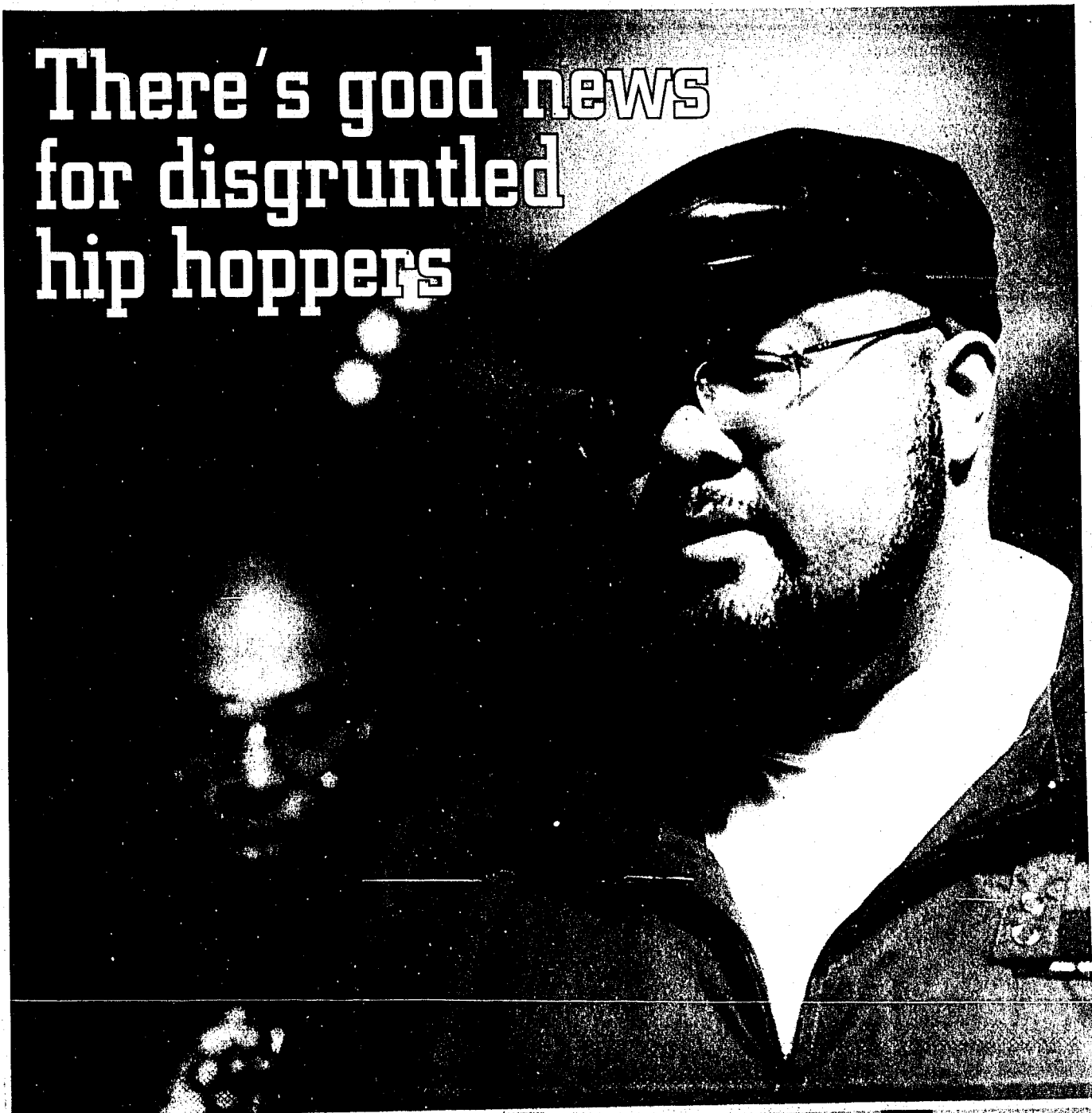
Now if you got a rocking little body and a few dollars to make you and your boy holler, then all the better. If you can't pull off the smart, funny, confident guy routine, then go get a job and go to the gym. That might save you with the right shallow person.

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There's good news for disgruntled hip hoppers



Blackalicious members: Gift of Gab (front) and Back Chief Xcel (back). Their new album "The Craft" comes out Sept. 27.

BY RYAN GORRINGE
Culture Writer

Let me begin by saying I pity da' fool that wasn't at The Big Easy Tuesday evening for the Blackalicious concert. Rarely does Boise have anything but some type of rock gracing its several stages around town, but Tuesday evening was a delicious exception.

Blackalicious is formed primarily by two self-described "everyday brothers", Gift of Gab and Chief Xcel. Fashioned in 1987, Blackalicious was the creation of two college buddies that couldn't help but run into each other as they both pursued music. They have since done things with rap and hip hop few even dream of.

From rap's humble beginnings in city streets to the Sugar Hill Gang's rhymes about owning a color television to the current stream of gold-teethed, bling-adorned wannabes, Blackalicious creates a new standard. They combine the spirit of old school with the charisma of a cult leader, not to mention talent and showmanship. Blackalicious is not afraid to experiment with music and this experimentation is what leads to their unique execution and performance.

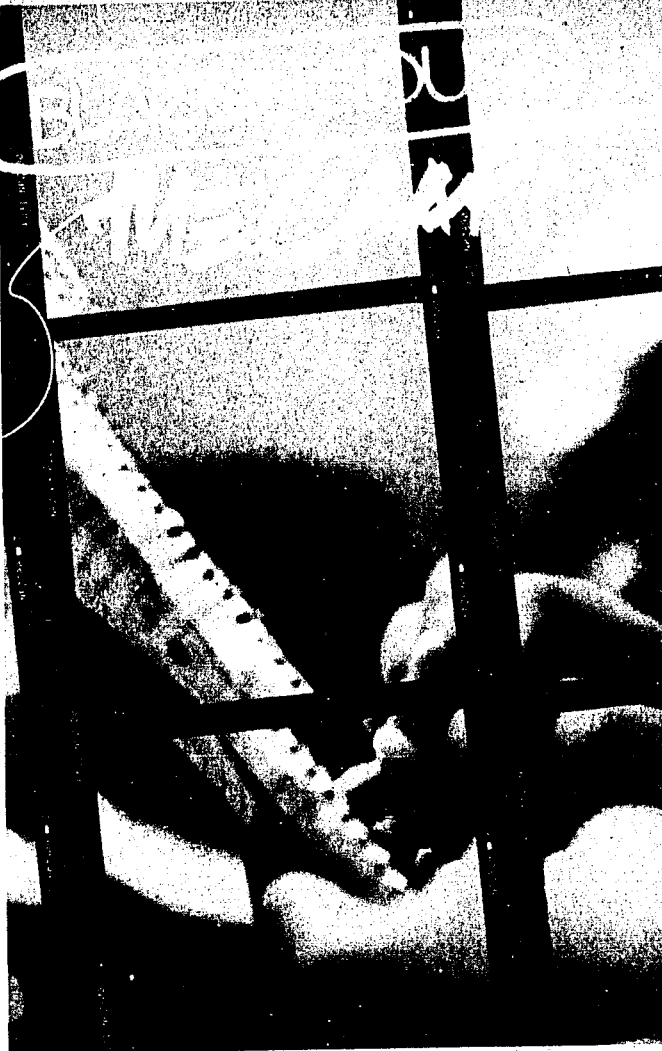
While Gift of Gab and Chief Xcel do most of the work, their performance was aided by the soulful harmonies of two backup singers and a hyperactive and talented keyboardist. The show was nearly two hours long, but seemed short.

The crowd at the show was as diverse a crowd as is possible in Boise. Purely by looks alone, one could have surmised they were attending any number of concerts from The Allman Brothers Band to NOFX to Snoop Dogg.

The music of Blackalicious is expressive, sharp and well crafted. Chief Xcel stands behind a barrack of musical equipment at attention and ready to attack. The bass was heavy, the rhythms melodic and the energy constant. The music was a perfect enhancement to Gift of Gab's lyrical chaos. Remember the old Micro Machines commercials? That mustachioed gentleman couldn't hold a candle to Gift of Gab's speed and precision. Lyrically, Blackalicious gets beyond tired rap clichés such as the amount of junk in the trunk or the number of Mercedes one owns and touched on heavier life issues such as spirituality and finding strength in difficult times.

The show was dotted with intense musical breaks as well as some insane freestyle sessions. The music rarely stopped and was transitioned effortlessly between crowd pleasers. The longest pause was during a moment of silence for the evacuees of hurricane Katrina which was brought to abrupt closure as an audience member interrupted the silence with a poorly timed, slurred and quasi-religious rant.

What was most impressive about Blackalicious, aside from the lucid talent, was the lack of attention-



getting devices. All attention given was achieved rather than expected or petitioned. They remained hum-

ble while showcasing more talent that most attention-seekers could hope for.

SO, ANYWAY...

I'm still trying to wake up from the football nightmare last weekend

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Columnist

Anybody remember last Saturday? Try as I might, I can't seem to get the day out of my head.

I spent the morning cleaning my house. I scrubbed some really grotesque things off the kitchen counter and chiseled something even scarier out of the microwave. I doused the bottom shelf of the fridge with soapy water and cleared a space for beer.

I vacuumed the floor, rearranged furniture, and lit some candles to get "boy stink" out of the living room. (Three college guys cohabitating with four mostly-housetrained pets can create quite a funk.)

I did laundry, washed dishes, and cleaned some utter foulness out of the sink strainer. The house needed to be set up for a football party scheduled to begin circa 3:30 p.m.

Living area prepared, a wall stripped to nothingness, and a projection television set up at one end of the room, I - and 10 or so of my houseguests - were ready for some football.

Needless to say, I was excited. Boise State versus Georgia. On ESPN. On a bigscreen TV. In my living room. With beers in both hands.

Rather than recapping the game, let's just say I scarcely had a chance to sip my first beverage before we were down 14 points - and I was thinking I maybe should have purchased more alcohol.

I'm no fair-weather Bronco fan, mind you. I will root for the fellas from opening kickoff until the final whistle. Unless, of course, we are winning by, like, a ba-zillion. Then, if there's a party somewhere or something, I will bolt the stadium. But other than that, I'm committed.

So for me to say that I had trouble staying put on my living room floor for the duration of a Boise State game is dif-

ficult to fathom. And yet, this past weekend, it happened.

Down two touchdowns within the first five or so minutes and down twenty-four to zero at the half, it wasn't disinterest that plagued my attention span - it was disgust.

Up until Saturday, I was pretty sure I'd never been spoiled. I didn't have expensive toys or name-brand clothes as a kid. I drive a base-model Honda; never an expensive luxury car. I've never held a position of prestige.

But doggone it, having had the privilege to watch Boise State football for the last several years has damn-near made me a spoiled football-watching little brat. And I found out something I don't like about myself.

I enjoy watching my school's football team get beaten just about as much as I enjoy falling out of a 12-story building; namely, not so much at all.

The only thing that could soften the blow of having to witness an SEC team putting up more and more points against us was my fridge full of beer, but it didn't help at all. Okay, it sort of helped. And the post-game pizza helped. But it certainly didn't take away the pain.

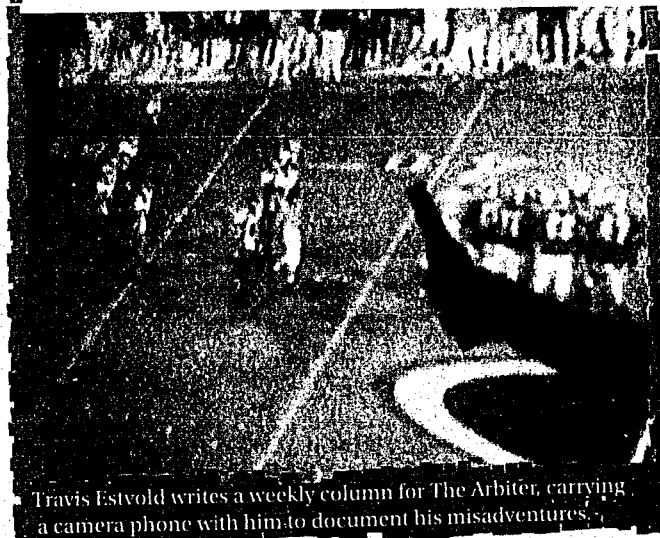
So, anyway, I'm not trying to complain. I'm not a football player. I couldn't have beaten Georgia. I couldn't even drink my beer without spilling it on the floor.

What I am here to say is that my weekend was sort of ruined by a bad game. And I'm looking forward to making up for it with a drubbing of OSU this weekend.

Echoing the sentiments of Alex Guerrero after the contest, I wouldn't want to be Oregon State come Saturday.

It's going to be that kind of game.

Come to think of it, I wouldn't want to be my floor either. (I'm stocking up on beer again - just in case.)



Travis Estvold writes a weekly column for The Arbitron, carrying a camera phone with him to document his misadventures.



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Major: Health Information Management,
Answer: "Anatomy and Physiology"



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Major: Biology,
Answer: "Organic
Chemistry"



Name: Tami Parten

Age: 21

Major: English

Answer: "Writing
Nonfiction"



Name: Lucia
McLaughlin

Age: 22

Major: Spanish

Answer: "Pre-calc. Any
math class is tough"



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Answer: "Social Work"

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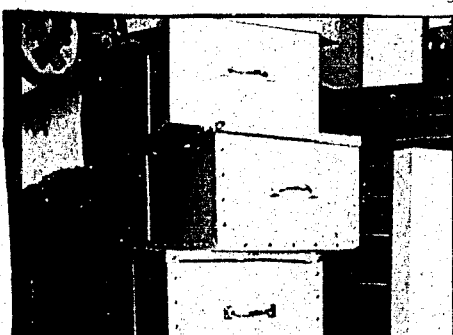
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Ellis' 'Lunar Park' gives an in-depth look at the human mind

BY MARIJANE WEITENSTEINER
Culture Writer

Bret Easton Ellis' "Lunar Park" proves to be an unusual bit of reading. The story centers on the main character of the book, which Ellis has named after himself. The book's Bret Easton Ellis is a man with many problems.

When he starts to write, his father won't have anything to do with him until Ellis becomes a successful author, but by then, the bond between the two men is relatively shattered beyond repair.

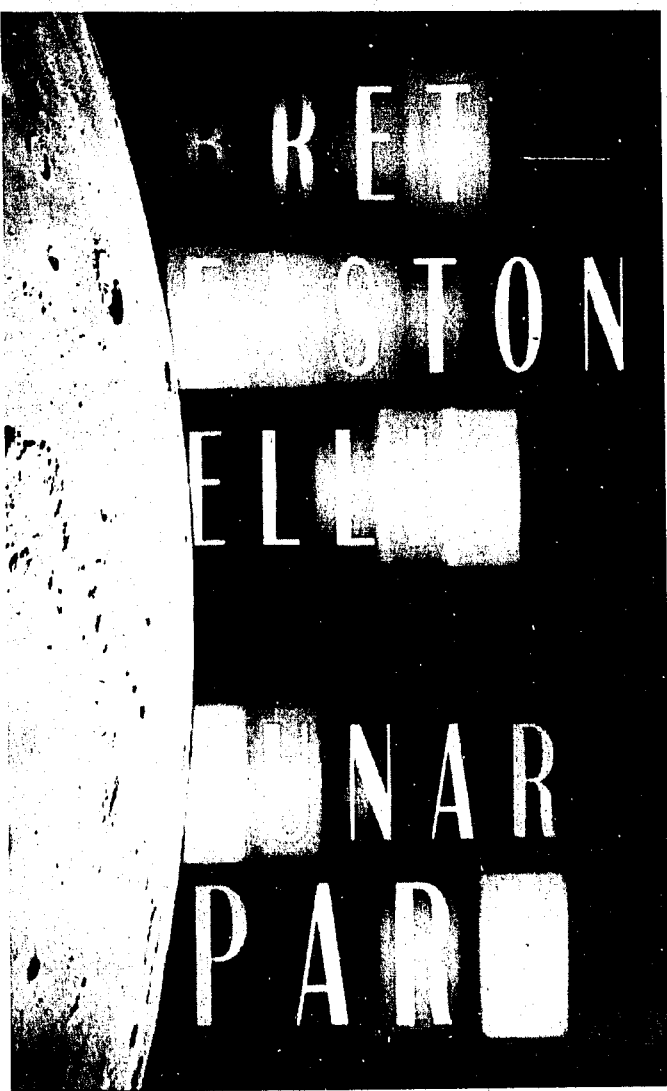
Then, years later, the book's Ellis is married with a son and a daughter, and he's still a successful author when his father dies and is cremated, and the ashes are placed into a bank safety deposit box for safe keeping.

It is the death of the father who disliked the fact that his son wanted to be an author that starts Ellis on the path towards a mental breakdown and his family breaking apart despite his best efforts to stop it from happening.

Ellis also has the same problem with his son being an artist as his father had with him being an author, but the possibility exists that Ellis and his son may work things out by the end of the book.

While I personally didn't like this book, I found I felt sorry for those in the book who had parents trying to control their lives by wanting their kids to live by their terms and take the jobs that they thought were proper for them to have.

I also found it interesting that the book went into such depth concerning what is going on in the mind of someone that is possibly having a mental breakdown due to stress,



sorrow, worry, and other things that Ellis is shown to have gone through by the time the story ends.

It also depicts what mental breakdowns could do to a family, causing them to fall apart and never to be repaired if the circumstances are

right.

While I won't read this book again, I would recommend it to those who are interested in getting an in-depth look at the human mind and what goes on inside.

American Idol contestant's new album rocks... no, really

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

Harry Connick Jr. is no doubt envious. And as for Dean Martin and Sinatra themselves... well, we'll concede it's good they're unable to challenge John Stevens to a lyrical duel. The moment I put Stevens' album "Red" in my

car CD player, I too felt red, nay, passionate, and much to my passenger's dismay, I was unknowingly flooring the gas, while throwing my shoulders in perfect rhythm to the swanky beat. Stevens, better known as a participant on the eminent American Idol, gives vocalized validity to the belief that jazz, swing, and big band aren't necessarily dead. With a voice as lustrous, refined, and ripe as Stevens', who sings classics such as "It Had to be You," and "I only have eyes for you," one feels a flutter of lust toward the Cole Porter-esque voice — until you find out the voice is coming from a 17-year-old. Then, one feels a flutter of pedophilia. You may have heard and seen Stevens without realizing it. The first song on "Red," "Come Fly with Me," makes an enticing commercial ad campaign for Pepsi.

This song had me dancing barefoot in my kitchen, hips swinging, eyes closed, imagining myself in the soft sand of Acapulco Bay, instead of in my 350-square foot apartment cooking frozen chicken breasts.

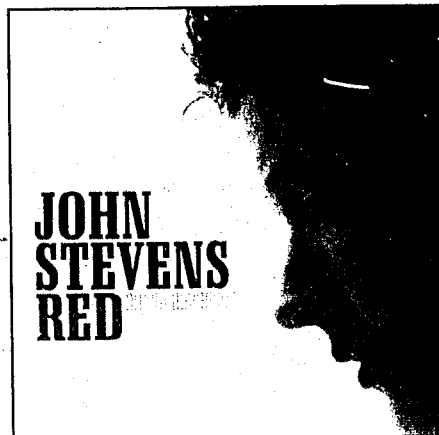
As a religious follower of the Beatles, I myself have an immediate and instinctual hatred for anyone who aims to emulate one of their mastermind-songs. How humbling to admit after all the years of preaching to anyone who'd listen, that Stevens' rendition of "Here, There and Everywhere" was in one word, phenomenal. I think I hear Lennon applauding from the grave.

Stevens, who's from Suburban East Amherst, said he was mesmerized by singers like Tony Bennett and Duke Ellington from the age of five. After his first solo in the seventh grade chorus, he began playing the piano at age eight and has been cultivating his craft with a vocal coach for the past two years.

He also joined the Western New York Children's Choir, Buffalo Choral Arts Society, and American

Music Abroad. Stevens then locked eyes with destiny when he went to a New York City casting call for show that is known to make average people into singing star sensations. Although Stevens didn't make the final cut on American Idol, his singing style made a definite impression, as he was among the only auditioning who didn't fall into the usual, yawn, "pop" category.

For this reason, Stevens may have stood out against other cookie cutters who belted out Ricky Martin and Britney Spears lyrics, enabling this New Yorker to become an idol like we haven't seen since the Rat Pack era.



China is far away, but that's OK because it's worth the trip

BY LISA ZHU
Special to The Arbiter

One hour on a plane is fine, five is pushing it, but imagine 13. That's how long it takes to fly from Los Angeles to Shanghai, China. This June, I traveled to China for the second time since moving to the United States from China at the age of seven.

Shanghai is the pinnacle of the metropolis city. With a population of more than 13 million people, it is China's most populous city.

Shanghai is both a historical and modern city. One attraction not to be missed is the Bund.

This stretch of street dotted with British architecture, remnants of World War II, lies on the Huang Pu riverbank.

A four minute subway ride beneath the river is all it takes to reach the economic zone of Pudong, which is home to the Oriental Pearl TV tower, the world's third tallest. Tourists can go up into the spheres, which are observatories. People see the Bund as the past and Pudong as the future.

Nanjing Road, in the heart of Shanghai, is a three-mile pedestrian road, lined with well-known shops and department stores selling clothing, food, and specialty goods. The neon lights come alive at night, and are a beautiful sight to see.

For a shopping experience of Old Shanghai, visit the Yuyuan Garden with its traditional pagoda style architecture. There are thousands of shops selling cultural Chinese things.

The exchange rate is one dollar to eight RMB or yuan. And a 20-ounce Pepsi is four RMB. So, things are pretty inexpensive in China.

Going to China means seeing the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xian. It is an 18-hour train ride from Shanghai. However, these trains are like hotels with two bunk beds in each compartment.

Unlike Shanghai, where the weather is hot and humid, Xian's weather is much like Idaho's — a dry heat.

Being China's original ancient capital, Xian is the only city in China with a wall around it. And

the inner tower still has a moat with water. Tourists can walk on the walls, which are as wide as Capitol Boulevard.

The Terra Cotta Warriors is about a two-hour car ride outside of the city. Upon reaching the museum, a four story high statue of Emperor Qin, China's first, towers over. After entering the park, it's about a 15-minute walk up to the three excavation pits.

Pit one is the biggest and the earliest. When you enter it, it is so overwhelming to actually see the warriors aligned in the rows. Standing there and examining the manpower and work put into creating these warriors is just amazing.

Pit two and three are smaller and contain horses and chariots, but are still worth seeing.

Summer days are gone too soon, but when written down never forgotten. Share your summer experiences by emailing them to culture@arbiteronline.com. Please make sure your memory is no longer than 500 words, and please send them as a Word document attachment.

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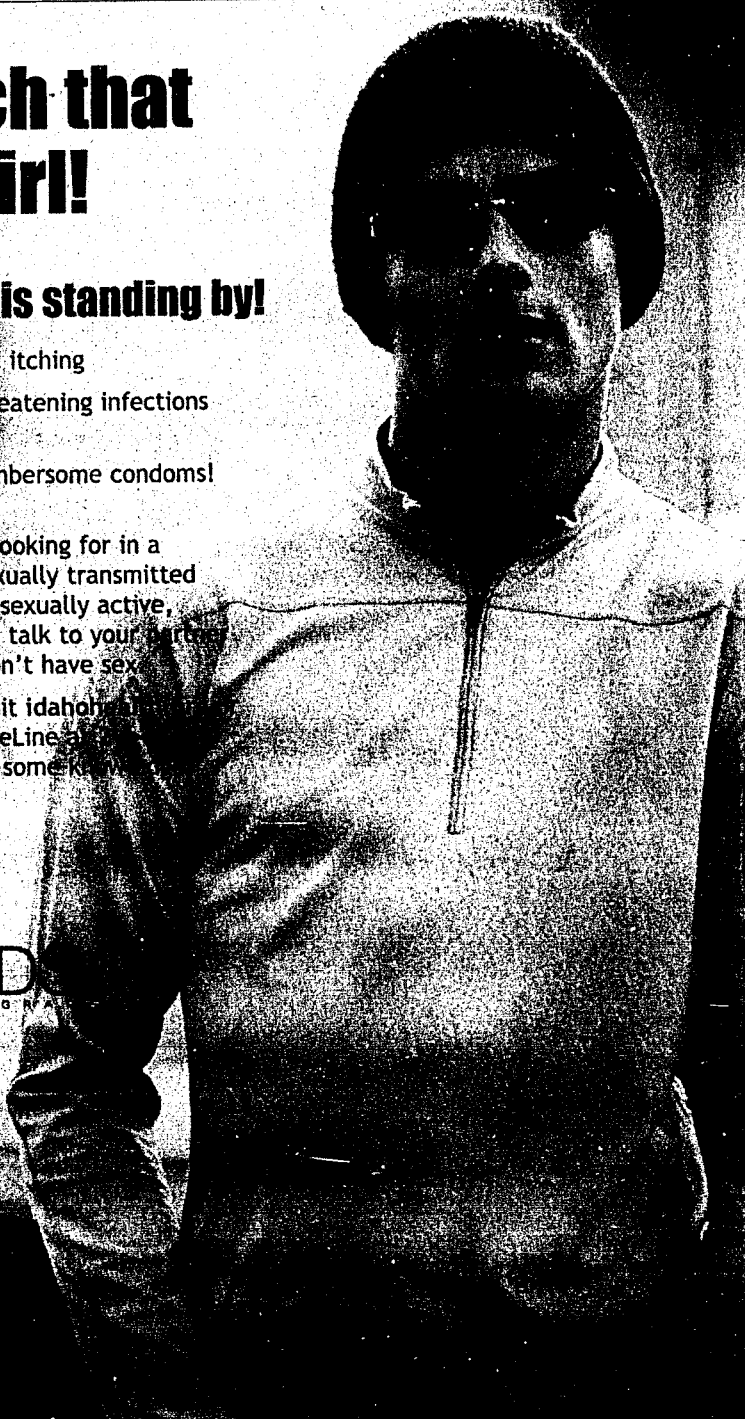
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Team Sleep doesn't really know how to enunciate

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

After I cranked the knob of my CD player to an inaudible, and relieving level, I walked to my medicine cabinet, while my pointer fingers marked acute circles around my temples, and swallowed a hearty (but recommended) dosage of pain relievers.

Now then, anyone else in the mood for some temporal-lobe-anguish? Take two aspirin and permit me to introduce a band known as Team Sleep. Upon the initial song's first chord, I was nearly sure Team Sleep had found an affectionate dwelling within my alternative/punk-lov-

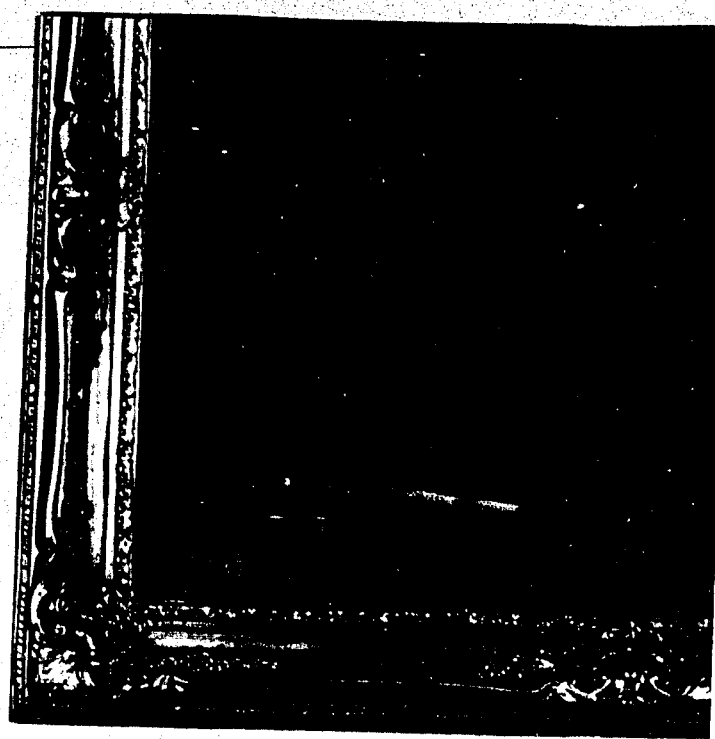
ing-heart ... until this "team" began — what sounded like swallowing air, burping it up, and heaving their whiney, sloppy lyrics through my speakers. The first song, "Ataraxia," on their album, initially sounds like an obscure, but richly constructed, mixture of The Muse, and something that would serve as background music for a morose, artistic film. But, that hastily expires and is replaced with words unrecognizable to the English language. After listening to this album numerous times, not only am I unable to resolve exactly what it is they're complaining about, but I can't gather why Team Sleep, I'm sure, has mothers across America urging them to

stop looking at their feet, stand up straight, and E-N-U-N-C-I-A-T-E. Track number 14, "Paris Arm," begins with a sultry voiced woman (Mary Timony) whispering breathy French words, which from my French-speaking background, don't equate an actual sentence.

Perhaps she was so disoriented by the metallic orchestration of coiling metal, and sharp nails against chalkboards, that she forgot her native tongue? The band consists of a group that was no doubt a fusion of high school pariahs — perhaps even dog-collared and eye-liner adorned. Guitarist Todd Wilkinson and Deftones frontman Chino Moreno began working together a year be-

fore the Deftones even introduced their first album, "Adrenaline."

Later, Crook, a friend of the pair, introduced his turntable styles to the band, and the raw mixes formed into medium-rare songs. In 2002, after Wilkinson and the drummer for Hella, Zach Hill, recorded three more songs, entered Helium frontwoman Timony on vocals. Bassist Rick Verrett was the final addition to Team Sleep. Deftones fans may not regard Team Sleep as an equal to Moreno's previous band. And therefore, a captive audience is difficult



for Team Sleep to wrap their sullen lyrics around. Not hard enough for some, too hard for most. Perhaps Team Sleep

should have tabled their awakening, and at the very least hit the snooze.

There are no stereotypes when it comes to getting a sex change

BY TAMERA HELGESON
Arbiter Staff

Many of us grow up dreaming of becoming doctors or teachers, but how many of us grow up and dream of becoming the opposite sex? The documentary movie "TransGeneration" follows four young college students, spread out across America, whose dreams of gender reassignment are close to being fulfilled.

Funded in large part by Sundance and MTV, the Sundance Film Channel will soon begin airing a longer version of "TransGeneration," which was filmed during the 2004-05 school year as an eight-part documentary and airs on Tuesday evenings at 9 p.m. We follow honest, candid Gabbie in Colorado, who is trying to come out of her shell and meet new people. Unlike the other students in her dorm, she has a private bathroom, because even though she lives 24/7 as a fe-

male since her freshman year, legally the college would force her to use the men's bathroom otherwise. A typical teen in every other way, Gabbie's dorm room has Animatrix covering the walls and a DDR machine on the floor.

Lucas attends an all-female school in Massachusetts, which is educationally more advantageous, even though he lives life as a man. We see him struggling with taking testosterone, as well as having fun watching movies, playing in his band, and starting the first ever transgender frat.

T. J. is a Fulbright Scholar in Michigan whose Middle Eastern family still does not accept the identity he now embraces. He talks of abandoning his mother, sister, and his former self (shown in pictures) by making the decision to become a man.

In Southern California, we meet flirtatious, yet secretive Raci. Not only does she live life as a woman,

attend college without her mother's relied-upon help, but she is deaf, as well. She does not want to let college interfere with her social life and struggles during a love scene with a heterosexual man (who believes she is a beautiful woman) in drama class.

"You are constantly looking around at people, because they are looking at you," Raci explained, maybe trying to justify her avoidance of telling others of her transgender status.

All of the students deal with family members coming to terms with who their child is, and we see the gamut of emotional responses. We see a mother wrestling with sending her daughter off to college and having a son return instead.

Not only do they strive for familial acceptance, but the four college students try to define themselves as well. Lucas can't bear to look at pictures of himself as a girl and says he feels when he does that he

is looking at a stranger. They all have a sense of moving forward and forgetting the past. One wonders if eventually they will be adults without a childhood.

Much of the emphasis is placed upon the impending gender reassignment surgeries, but we don't actually get to follow them that far. They are young, with high expectations, maybe too high, and one hopes they realize that surgery will surely not solve all of their problems.

This movie shows that there are no stereotypical transgendered people, they all are unique, sensitive individuals trying to lead normal lives just like everyone else.

This is not a carefree, lackadaisical movie designed for a hot, lazy summer afternoon. Instead, it is an inquisitive one about human nature and the determination to strive to right things the way they should have been in the beginning.

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vs. Texas Tech
2 p.m. (CT)

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vs. Montana
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Sign ups are now available for students to play flag football, soccer, mens and womens lacrosse and a multitude of other club and intramural sports. These are open to all students. To sign up for intramural and club sports, visit the Student Recreation Center or get information online at www.boisestate.edu/recreation

[SIDE LINE]

Broncos drop from top 25

Following the 48-13 loss at Georgia, the Boise State football team has dropped from the top 25 in both national polls. Boise State was ranked in both the Associated Press Poll (18th) and in the USA Today Poll (19th) for the first time ever in the preseason.

The Broncos dropped to 33rd in the AP Poll and 39th in the USA Today Poll.

The Broncos continue the season Saturday at Oregon State.

Conference foe Fresno State (0-0) remains in the top 25 in the AP Poll (24th) and enter the USA Today Poll, moving up to 24th.

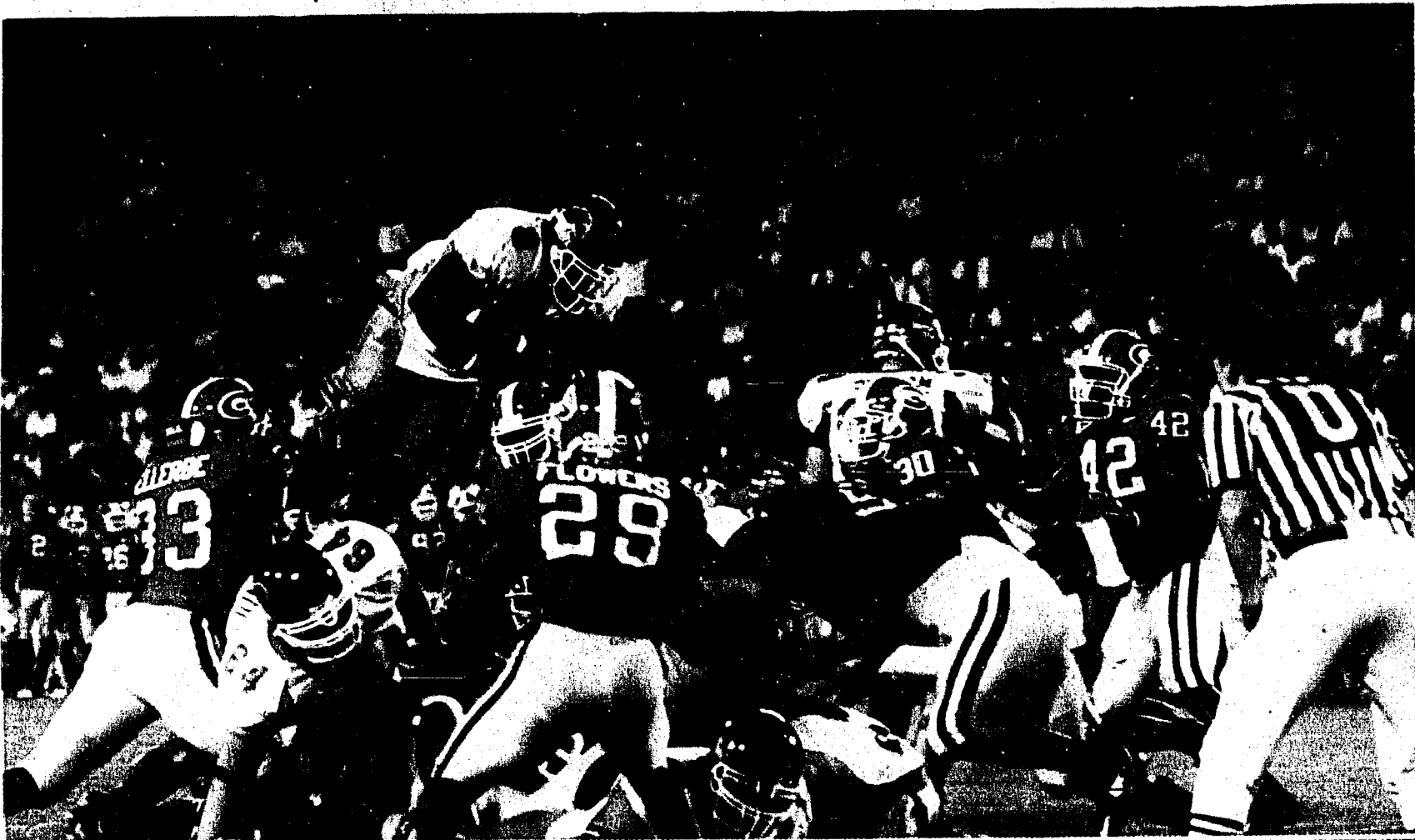
Two-time defending national champion USC remains at the top of both polls following a 62-17 road victory Saturday at Hawaii.

Cross Country opens season

The Boise State men's and women's cross country teams kicked off the 2005 cross country season this weekend at the Utah State Invitational. The Bronco men and women both finished third.

Ty Axtman led the Bronco men, who finished behind Weber State and Utah State, with a ninth-place finish. Kendra Hernandez paced the Bronco women, who tied Utah and finished behind Weber State and Utah State, finishing 10th.

Broncos will need to limit turnovers, execute against OSU



Antwaun Carter (8) and the rest of the Boise State running backs were one of the few bright spots for the Broncos Saturday.

PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

Hindsight is 20/20.

The cliché is certainly an approach the Boise State football team does need to take.

"Saturday night is behind us now. We didn't execute, we had a number of things wrong besides just turnovers," freshmen running back Ian Johnson said.

The Broncos took it on the chin Saturday night at Georgia as the team watched Jared Zabransky collapse on a national scene en route to six first half turnovers and an eventual benching before halftime.

Taylor Tharp came in and played well in place of the Western Athletic Conference preseason player of the year.

Head coach Dan Hawkins stated following the loss Saturday night that Zabransky was on an IV in the locker room, and was both physi-

cally and mentally unable to return in the second half against Georgia.

Hawkins also stated that Zabransky will be the starter Saturday against Oregon State in Corvallis, Or. Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. (MT).

"He's still our guy," Hawkins said.

Zabransky was to speak to the media on Tuesday for the first time since Saturday, but was unable because of a doctor's appointment. The reason for the appointment is unknown, but Hawkins did say that he is ready to go and commented on the reasons why Zabransky did so poorly.

"We've talked to him a little bit. It's a combination of things. It's a combination of getting thumped. It's a combination of dehydration and it's a combination of your game and not being where you want it to be, and just learning to deal with that," Hawkins said.

None of the other players showed anything but confidence in Zabransky being able to return to his old form Saturday.

"Jared is awesome. He looks great...we are all still behind him 100 percent," Johnson said.

But, following the worst loss for Boise State since 2002. The team is not feeling sorry for themselves.

"We definitely had some mistakes and had some errors, but we just got to come back (Saturday) and show Oregon (State) that we are mad. I tell you what, I feel bad for Oregon State," senior defensive tackle Alex Guerrero said following the loss on Saturday.

The two programs meet up for the fifth time overall, and the third straight season. The Broncos lone loss two years ago came to the Beavers in Corvallis.

Last season, the Broncos beat up

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Broncos lose home opener, start season 1-2

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The Wyoming Cowgirls defeated the Boise State Broncos in three games (30-23 30-22 34-32) in the opening match of 2005 for Boise State and the third match of the year for Wyoming (2-1).

The Broncos were led by senior outside hitter Telia Peterson who had 11 kills and nine digs. Cameron Flunder added nine kills and three blocks. Jamie Claussen had four kills. Gabby Navarrete added four kills and five blocks. Tiffany Starring had three kills and a team-high eight blocks. Freshman setter Mandy Klein had 24 assists, eight digs and five blocks.

As a team, the Broncos had 34 kills, but 31 errors on 132 attempts. The team had 31 assists, five aces, 42 digs and 12 blocks. Wyoming had 44 kills and 25 errors on 119 attempts. The Cowgirls also had 37 assists, five aces, 57 digs and four blocks.

On Friday night, the Boise State volleyball team defeated Northern Colorado in four games in the Broncos second match of the young 2005 season. The score when Boise State defeated Northern Colorado was 30-25, 31-33, 30-24, 30-26.

The Broncos had three players

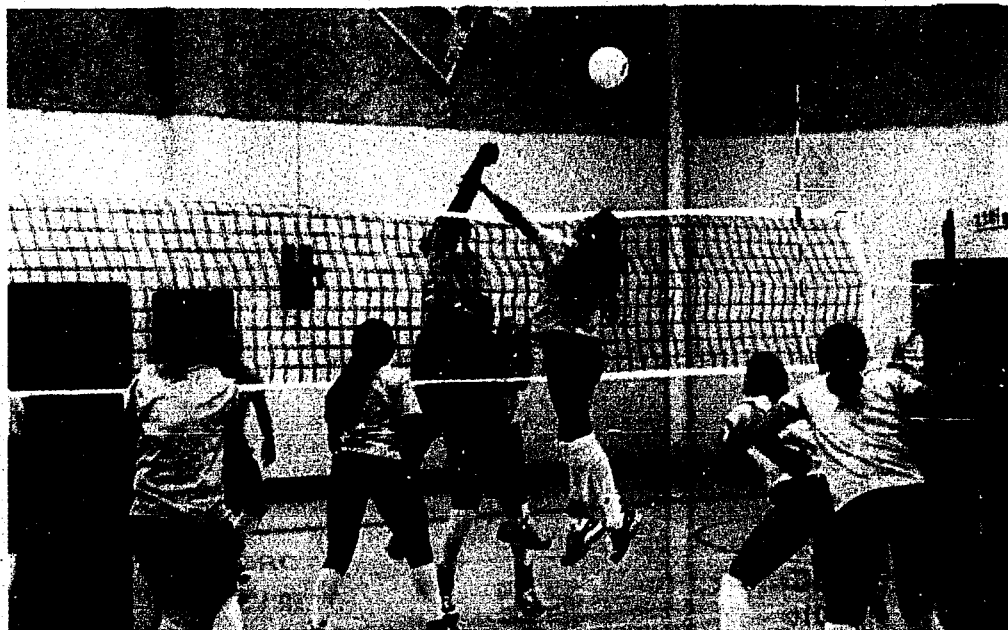
in double figures in kills - freshman Jeanette Jenkins (17), Telia Peterson (15) and Cameron Flunder (13). Mandy Klein had 53 assists. Peterson also had 14 digs and four blocks. Flunder added three aces, nine digs and four blocks to her stats. Tiffany Starring led the team in blocks with seven. Jackie Stroud led the Broncos in digs with 22. Jamie Claussen added eight kills, eight digs and five blocks in the match.

As a team, the Broncos had 64 kills, 58 assists, seven aces, 71 digs and 14.5 blocks. Northern Colorado was led by Amanda Wiggins and Lizzy Rhoads who each had 18 kills. Northern Colorado had 57 kills, 53 assists, 70 digs and six blocks.

The Utah Valley State Wolverines defeated the Boise State Broncos in volleyball Tuesday night in an intense four-game match (23-30, 30-18, 30-26, 33-31).

The Broncos (1-2) now travel to Texas Tech where they will play in a tournament versus the Red Raiders, Georgia and San Diego State (Sept. 9-10).

Boise State had three players in double figures in kills - Jeanette Jenkins with 20, Telia Peterson with 14 and Cameron Flunder with



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10. Mandy Klein had 47 assists. Jackie Stroud had three service aces and nine digs. Flunder and Peterson had three blocks each.

Utah Valley State was led by Anne Olsen's 14 kills and Camie Manwell's 12. Maegan Hoty added

17 digs. lacee Koelliker had 44 assists and 11 digs.

The Broncos had 62 kills, hit .276 and had 55 assists, 39 digs and 7.5 blocks as a team. Utah Valley State had 58 kills, hit .229 and had 49 assists, 52 digs and eight team blocks.

The Broncos had six aces but 23 service errors. Utah Valley State had five aces and 13 service errors.

Boise State is not home again until Sept. 29 when the Broncos host new WAC opponent Utah State at 7 p.m. in Bronco Gym.

Baby steps are the right pace for BSU football program

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

Youthful exuberance is a blessing in most instances. But when it comes to Division I football, it means ridicule.

The Boise State football program and fans witnessed that first hand Saturday in Athens, Ga.

The rich tradition and arrogance of the SEC reared its ugly head, showing Boise State how far it needs to come to be a legitimate program—or so it thought.

Boise State is in its tenth season as a D-I program, but has made unbelievable strides towards national prominence.

Sure, the Broncos have just the one victory over a BCS program (Saturday's opponent, Oregon State). And sure the Broncos were embarrassed on national television last weekend at Georgia. But was the idea of baby steps forgotten?

Since the turn of the century, only Oklahoma (60-8) and Miami, Fla. (55-8) have better records than the Broncos (54-10).

Boise State has the 11th best winning percentage all-time in D-I

football history. No other team in the top-15 all-time has less than 400 victories, other than Boise State (295).

Remember Boise State has won a national title as a junior college (1958), and as a D-II program (1980). So time should only tell when the Broncos bring one home at the top level of collegiate football.

But, baby steps.

Boise State was the second youngest team in the nation in 2004—the same team that went undefeated in the regular season, and went toe-to-toe with Louisville in the Liberty Bowl.

So, Jared Zabransky, for whatever reason, played his worst game ever in the season opener last weekend—it's not over for Boise State.

"Our minds are on Oregon State, and winning a WAC championship and keeping our season going," offensive captain Daryn Colledge said.

There you go. Colledge speaks the truth of what should be on the minds of the Broncos.

Baby steps.

The program Dan Hawkins has built may very well be the greatest

in the history of the conference.

Boise State currently has a 26-game winning streak in WAC play, dating back to Nov. 10, 2001. That is the all-time best in the history of the conference.

During the streak, Boise State has a combined average score of 49.6 to 18.2 against WAC foes during the impressive streak.

The Broncos also haven't lost a game in Bronco Stadium since falling to Washington State in 2001. In that span of 25 games, the Broncos are even more impressive—beating opponents by an average of 48.2-15.6.

Baby steps?

Six seniors on the roster for Boise State this season have a chance to do two things that are mind-boggling.

These players can finish their four-year playing careers at Boise State having never lost a game at home, or a conference game.

Sure, standing in their way are games versus Bowling Green and at Hawaii and Fresno State, but baby steps, right?

The loss to Georgia does put things into perspective of where

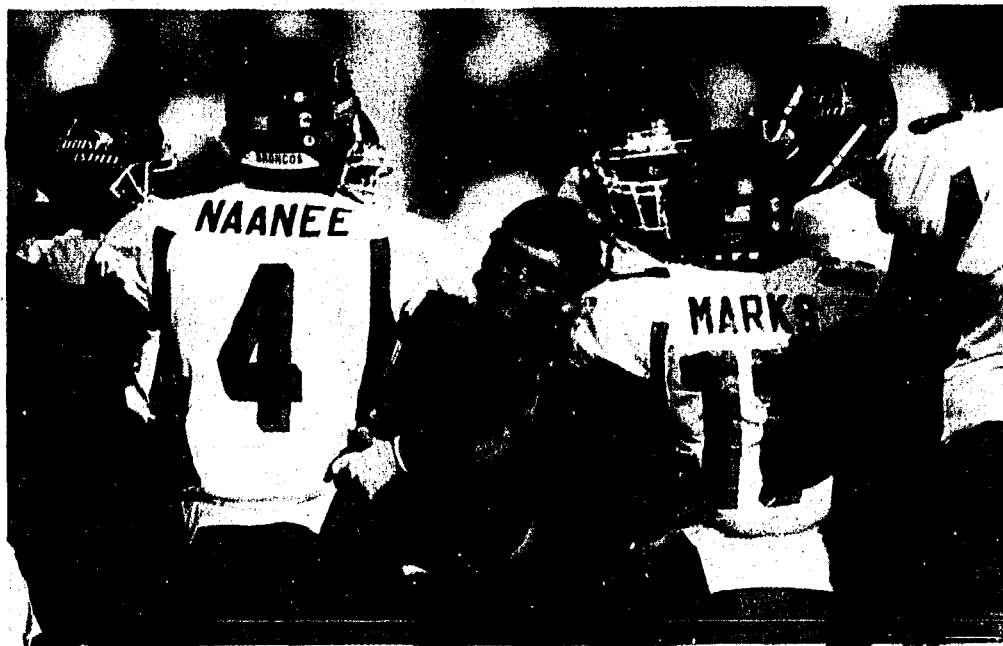


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Vinny Perretta (19) was one of a handful of young Broncos to play significant downs against Georgia.

the Broncos need to go, but the team can break one more barrier Saturday at Oregon State.

A win over the Beavers would be the first on the road against a PAC-

10 team. A loss would mark the first three-game losing streak during the Dan Hawkins era.

D-I football is not Major League Baseball and the Broncos are not

the Florida Marlins. There is no buying a title here. Hawkins is doing it the old fashioned way. Building a program that has a rich tradition of its own.

Young players step up for Broncos

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

There are bright spots in even the darkest of times. The 48-13 loss to Georgia was the most lopsided since 1998 against Louisiana Tech. But, a few young players stepped up and showed that the Broncos will have greater depth than thought for the 2005 season.

After Jared Zabransky was benched late in the first half, sophomore Taylor Tharp stepped in and led the Broncos on two scoring drives in the second half.

"I was proud of Taylor. Taylor is my man. I was looking for Taylor to get in there," defensive tackle Alex Guerrero said. "Nothing against Z, but Taylor is a guy that has (played one snap) and hasn't thrown a pass and I like how the coaches have him a pass right away to get his confidence up and I know that was going to happen."

Tharp completed 5-7 passes for 53 yards, and gave the Broncos confidence that if Zabransky can't find his rhythm, he can step in and perform.

Another young player that was thrown in without notice is Orlando Scandrick. Less than three months after graduating from high school, the true freshman played most of the first half at cornerback after Quinton Jones came out after getting injured on the initial kickoff.

"Orlando did a good job. I'm proud of him. For an 18 year old kid to do out there in from of 92,000, he did well. Exceptionally well," Guerrero said.

Like any freshmen, he had his difficulties, but he stayed out there and played well. He was faked out on one play on an out pattern in the first quarter by Georgia receiver T.J. Gantrell. The very next play he was all over Sean Bailey.

"We know he's a good player and a young guy and he's pretty unflappable. He made some plays and he's going to get better," head coach Dan



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Hawkins said.

Freshman running back Ian Johnson also showed that he has the tools to be the great running back of the future for Boise State. Johnson led the team with 48 yards rushing on just eight carries Saturday.

Other young Broncos making an impact early were linebackers Mike Alteri and Kyle Gingg. The dup split

time in place of suspended starter Colt Brooks. Alteri and Gingg combined for five tackles against Georgia.

Freshman offensive tackle Ryan Clady also made his first career start for Boise State.

"He probably a little wide-eyed himself, I think he did ok," Hawkins said.



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on Oregon State in Bronco Stadium, which might have been the coming out party for Boise State.

There was resentment last year for the Broncos, but the tide has turned now.

"They will have a little venom going in their veins...so I think it will be a great contest," Hawkins said.

Two starters for the Broncos will be back Saturday. Linebacker Colt Brooks and receiver Drisan James sat out the game versus Georgia due

The addition of Brooks back in the lineup will be a plus for the defense. Sophomore Mike Alteri and freshman Kyle Glogg split time in place of Brooks. Fifth-year senior Chris Barrios recorded a game-high 10 tackles on Saturday, and All-WAC linebacker Korey Hall had eight. Add Brooks in, and the trio may be one of the best linebacker tandems in the WAC.

The return of James will add experience to the deep receiving corp.

Jerard Rabb led the team with 42 yards receiving on Saturday. Combined, Zabransky and Tharp threw for only 123 yards against Georgia.

Last season James was second on the team with 568 yards receiving and will open up the passing game versus Oregon State.

There are no other changes to the starting lineup for Boise State other than freshman quarterback Bush Hamdan is listed as the holder for field goals and extra point, instead of Britt Hall.

The Broncos are hoping that fewer mistakes will allow the offense to open up and follow with the game plan, unlike what the team was unable to do in the season opener.

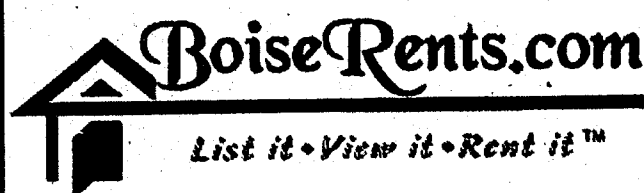
"Once you establish drives, you can pull out things. You can expand that playbook a little bit and that wasn't something we were able to do so much last week," Johnson said.

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Boise State's defensive line slowed the running backs for Georgia on Saturday.



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OSU reloads, seeks retribution

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Asst. Sports editor

The Oregon State Beavers and Boise State Broncos have started the 2005 season going in opposite directions.

The Beavers beat down I-AA Portland State 41-14 and Georgia gashed the Broncos' wild spirit with a 48-13 win.

The two teams have split the last two seasons. OSU slipped past the Broncos in 2003 26-24 and BSU evened the score with a 53-34 win

in 2004.

The rubber match is Saturday at 4:30 p.m. (MT) in Corvallis, Ore.

The Beavers return 16 starters, seven on offense, seven on defense and both members of the kicking game. They lost their starting quarterback Derek Anderson (3,615 yards, 29 TDs, 17 INTs) to graduation, but sophomore quarterback Matt Moore (6-4, 191) stepped up nicely against Portland State.

Moore went 26-for-38 for 367 yards, four touchdowns and a pick against the Vikings.

Sophomore Yvenson Bernard got the start at tailback and rushed for 59 yards on 14 carries and a score and caught nine passes for 109 yards and a touchdown.

Beaver Senior Mike Hass returns for his senior year at wide receiver. Hass caught 12 passes for a career-high 293 yards and 3 TDs against the Broncos last season. He is approaching OSU record numbers in receiving yards, touchdowns and receptions in his senior season and started with a nine-catch-155-yard game against the Vikings.

On the defensive side of the

ball Trent Bray leads the way for OSU. Bray is on the watch list for the Lombardi Award and the Lott Trophy, an award based on performance and character.

Bray led the Beavers with 12 tackles last week and 122 in 2004, including a career-high 19 against BSU.

Both Bray and Hass are team captains.

Linebackers Bray, Chaz Scott and Keith Ellison all return as starters for coach Mike Riley. Ellison was third on the team in tackles with 67.

The Beavers also lost free safety Mitch Meeuwse and his team-leading six interceptions from 2004. Sabby Piscatelli will have to anchor a young secondary, which lost three starters.

Piscatelli, a returning junior starter, had five interceptions last season and broke up eight passes. He is among a handful of sophomores and freshmen who will handle the pass coverage duties against BSU.

The Broncos will encounter another big offensive line in Corvallis.

The Beavers return three starters on the O-line, but none are seniors. Josh Linehan (6-5, 307) and Adam Koets (6-6, 297) are junior tackles and Roy Shuening (6-4, 316) is a junior guard. Each has 12 starts apiece. The Beavers will start sophomore Kyle DeVan (6-2, 293) at center and red-shirt freshman Jeremy Perry (6-2, 315) at guard.

OSU returns a mostly inexperienced defensive line. Tackles Ben Siegert (6-4, 275 and 25 starts) and Alvin Smith (6-2, 322) will have to plug the BSU running game and Joe Lemma (6-3, 257 Jr.) and Jeff Van Orsow (6-4, 262) have the responsibility of maintaining contain.

The Beavers also return their punter Sam Paulescu and place kicker Alexis Serna, who rebounded from an awful opening to the 2004 season hitting 17-of-20 field goals and 29-of-32 PATs.

The Beavers may not be as good as Georgia, or as physical, but they are in the PAC-10, a conference that the Broncos have only beat once in their history. That one win was last season at home against the Beavers.

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Big weapon Hass looking for revenge on BSU

BY SHAWN ASHBY
Sports Writer

In 2003, Boise State was handed its only loss of the season by the Oregon State Beavers. With the clock running out Oregon State was faced with a fourth down and short situation, the Beavers decided to go for the first down. A quick snap and a forward lunge by quarterback Derek Anderson was the call. As Anderson pushed the ball forward, Boise State swiped the ball loose and quickly recovered the fumble. It looked as if the Broncos would have one last chance to move the ball into field goal territory, and try for the win. The opportunity to go for the win was quickly dismissed when the referees decided that Anderson's forward progress was stopped giving a first down to OSU. Outcome: BSU's only loss of the season.

Revenge was on the Broncos mind last season, when they would play host to the visiting Beavers. Revenge is exactly what the Broncos received. Falling to an early 14-0 deficit at the end of the first quarter the Broncos put 20 on the scoreboard in the second quarter, and went on to a 53-34 victory in front of the largest crowd in BSU history.

The Broncos dominated almost every category of last season's game. The one area where the Beavers were able to hurt BSU was through the air. While Boise State racked up 246 passing yards, the Beavers collected 411. The main weapon in the OSU air attack was junior wide receiver, Mike Hass.

Hass hurt the BSU secondary finishing the game with 12 receptions, 293 yards, and three touchdowns. Hass's accomplishments last season earned him a spot on the All-Pac-10 team, he was also an AP Third Team All-American.

Hass looks to add to his resume this year, with opportunities to break a number of OSU receiving records. Among the records Hass



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OSU wide receiver Mike Hass had 293 yards against BSU in 2004.

could break are career receiving yards, and career touchdowns.

Hass arrived at Oregon State as a walk-on in 2001, where he would redshirt his first season. In 2002 Hass played in 12 of the team's 13 games, mainly on special teams. In 2003 Hass finally became a scholarship player. Hass started all twelve games that season, collecting 1,013 yards and seven touchdowns.

Hass will come into this season without former 3-year starter Derek Anderson. Anderson is the only quarterback in OSU history to lead

his team to three consecutive bowl victories, and earning two bowl offensive MVP awards. Anderson also holds OSU records for touchdown passes (79), and passing yards (11,249).

Oregon State will also be without their junior tight end Joe Newton, who had a muscle tear in his lower leg surgically repaired. With Newton out Hass will have the opportunity to be the main threat through the air this Saturday in Corvallis.

Emma Boyack is an international striker

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

Before the home opener, the Boise State soccer team prepared for their season by finding their inspiration. Each player placed a white band around their wrist upon which they wrote key phrases or names that would motivate them to play their best. On one of those bands, the phrase stood out.

On one side this particular band said, "brothers," and on the other side it said, "Kiwi." Yep, "Kiwi."

Freshman New Zealander Emma Boyack claims a unique title in the Boise State soccer arena. She is the first international player to join the team, and everybody knows this Kiwi can play.

Boyack started playing soccer (aka, football, as she sometimes slips into saying) at the age of 6 with

her twin.

With three older brothers, she had quite the experiential career, playing forward as long as she can remember.

After high school, she played for a local club, one of the best clubs in New Zealand, but they did not have the strengthening and conditioning, nor the workouts she has experienced so far at BSU. Instead, she did her own workout.

When considering college, Boyack looked to the Western United States because of the contact she had with a Montana native. Larger universities did not appeal to her, coming from a rural area, so she chose Boise State, a community still more than twice the size of her hometown.

Coming to America has introduced her to a different style.

While Kiwis focus on getting the

ball to the strikers right away, the defense rarely attacks, knowing the ball will just be passed on quickly.

This is somewhat of an understanding that allows the players to play a relaxed game in comparison to the higher caliber and more physical game she plays now.

Boyack finds that the Broncos compliment her style and challenge her skill.

"I found I am learning about some of my weaknesses. For one thing, I am trying to work on my defense."

America has what she terms, "a nice style of football," or a nice passing game.

While some terms are different, Boyack is catching on quickly.

Junior defender Stephanie Campbell says she is just amazed by her.

"It has got to take a lot of dedication to come out and work hard

like she does. Emma works hard to score and takes people on. It is really cool to see that in a player and in a person."

Head coach Steve Lucas agrees. He sees the terminology struggles from time to time, but does not count it as a major issue.

"She has acclimated very well. Boyack is bright, and she has done a great job so far. We are excited to have her for four years."

While the climate, style of play, and larger community all add to the struggles of acclimating, everyone is looking toward Boyack's career as a whole.

Assistant coach Michele Zentz explains, "Sometimes the stars kind of align with certain kids."

Emma is a sweet player and works hard. She will do well for us, contributing over the span of her career."



Emma Boyack is the first international player for BSU.

Soccer in Montana Invitational this weekend

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

Boise State soccer heads out for another pair of away games this weekend, participating in the Montana Nike Cup September 9th and 11th. BSU will face the Montana Grizzlies and first-time opponent Air Force Falcons.

The lady Broncos enter the tournament with a record of 1-2-0, coming away from Flagstaff with one win and one loss.

Boise State tallied its first victory of the season with a shut-out win over UC Davis.

Junior forward Kristin Hall netted the lone goal. Junior goalkeeper Kim Parker shared the shutout with sophomore Michaela Morrison for three combined saves.

The disappointment came with a 0-1 loss to Bowling Green, even though BSU dominated ball possession and out shot BGSU with 7 shots on goal to their 2.

Head coach Steve Lucas even commented on Monday at the Bronco Athletic Association luncheon that the game versus Bowling Green is why he doesn't pay attention to stat sheets. Bowling Green got two shots on goal, and made one.

The Broncos commence this weekend in the Missoula, Mont. tournament when they face the Grizzlies.

Montana comes in with a 0-3-1 record, shut out all but once against California where junior forward Lindsay Winans scored their first goal.

Despite the lopsided preseason record, MU comes in No. 2 in the Big Sky Conference preseason poll and came within one game of a NCAA College Cup appearance.

Montana's home advantage may give way to Boise State's defensive skills. The Grizzlies tend to allow as



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The BSU soccer team will be in Montana this weekend for a pair of games.

many shots as they take while the Broncos tend to out save their opponent.

After a one-day break during the tournament, BSU faces a 2-2-0 Air Force. Winless until their Parents Weekend at home, the Falcons downed Providence and Central Michigan with a pair of shutouts.

Aided mainly by junior forward Brittney Perkowski, the Colorado-based team moved up two places in the Mountain West Conference standings from 8th to 6th.

Perkowski leads the team in points, but the Falcons pose a balanced offense with four other scorers following close behind.

Boise State's advantage is a .500 shots-on-goal percentage to Air Force's .325; however, the Falcons average 10 shots per game to our 7.

After a long stretch on the road, the Broncos will return home for the Soccer Etc.

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The blame-game fallacy infects Broncos

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Sports Columnist

I heard and saw a lot of railing and ragging on BSU quarterback Jared Zabransky after the Georgia shalacking. I won't go in too deep about some of the decisions that the man made. But I do know a little something about football.

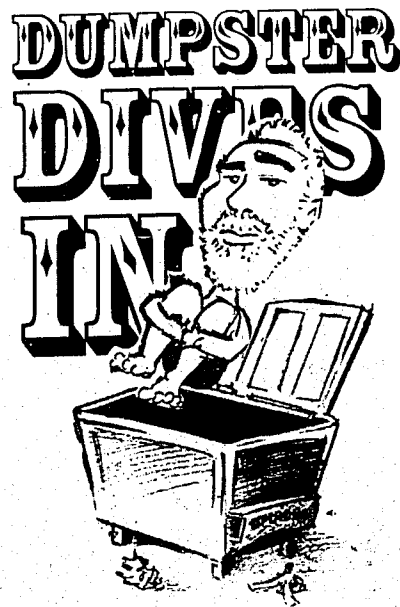
I know that Jared wasn't trying to lose the game. He was faced with a bruising defense (the likes that Boise State football had never encountered) and he dove head first. He ran for first downs and stuck his neck out on the line to help the team.

It did not work out, but a quarterback is not the only guy on the field.

A quarterback has to make split second decisions that truly determine the outcome of the game, but those decisions are balanced by the play of his teammates (the guys blocking and the guys running routes) and the defensive demons dreaming to be head-hunters.

Pardon the cliché, but football IS A TEAM SPORT. I have played on some poor, poor teams, and never have I seen so much blame in one loss get thrown at a single player. Are we that fickle? Do we want to be the Boston Buckner Bastards?

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Hey, this is football; this isn't ballet. This is helmet-to-helmet brutality. This is the gridiron for God's sake! If a team wasn't prone to losing there wouldn't be 60 minutes and four quarters, there would be a tea party and a jovial "darn! I wish we stood a chance."

Any team can lose any game. TCU

beat Oklahoma Saturday. I have seen Super Bowl champions lose to last place teams in Week 13.

College football is a yearly re-birth. Our Broncos have experienced delivery complications, but that pigskin life will still grow and prosper.

BSU may not win the National championship, but they are still the team we cheer.

No, I won't give up because they lost a game or two or three or 32. This is when we decide which of the real fans are in the stands and living rooms and barrooms and dorm rooms and which will show their heads when a tough Bowling Green team comes to town that Wednesday.

But for now it is Oregon State, and a fever, a rage, a growing bitterness toward all things enemy and unless I am alone in this, a really important game.

These are the times that define a program, a school, an athlete, a fan. A program can make a fortune and garner great recruits during the winnings; the program that does it with losses is great. A school can base its greatness off football bowl games, but where does it look when we lose? An athlete can join a school in Idaho and get on TV, but what if College Game Day shows him hanging his head? A fan can jump on any bandwagon parade down Main. Which fans will help lift a beaten mule off the roadway and restore it to its glorious strength?

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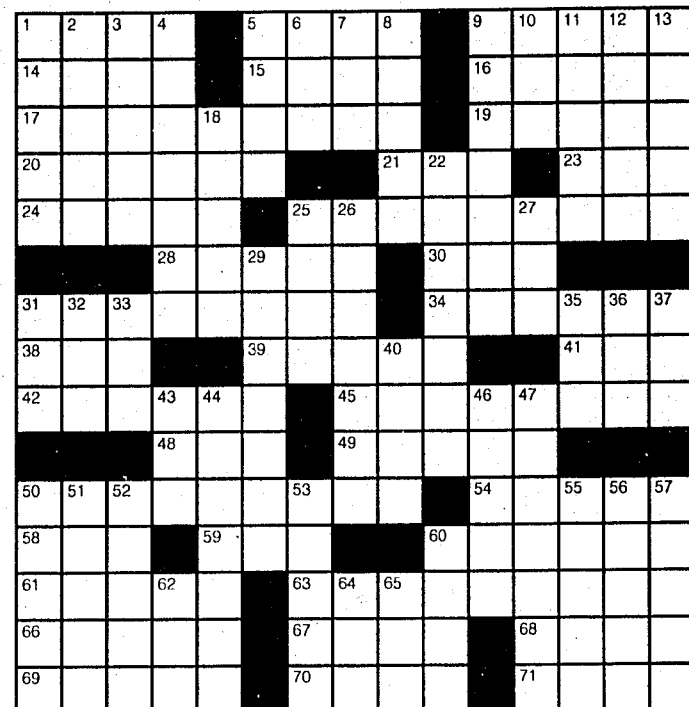
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28 Staff again
30 Director Brooks
31 Puts to sea
34 Trademark scrubber
38 Exist
39 Excessive-brightness
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50 Missing persons?
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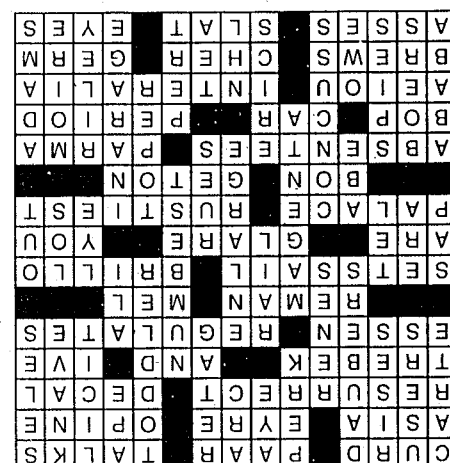
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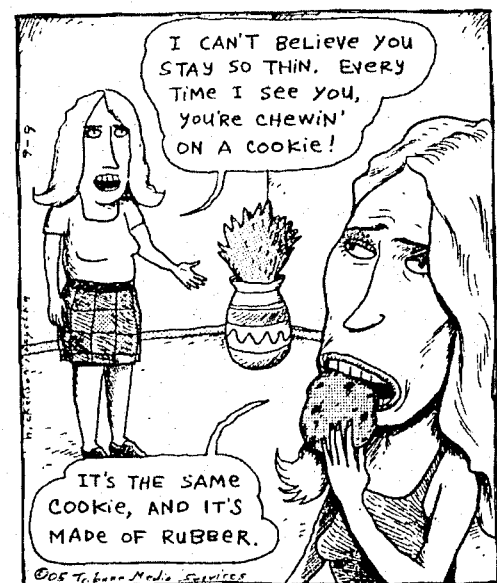
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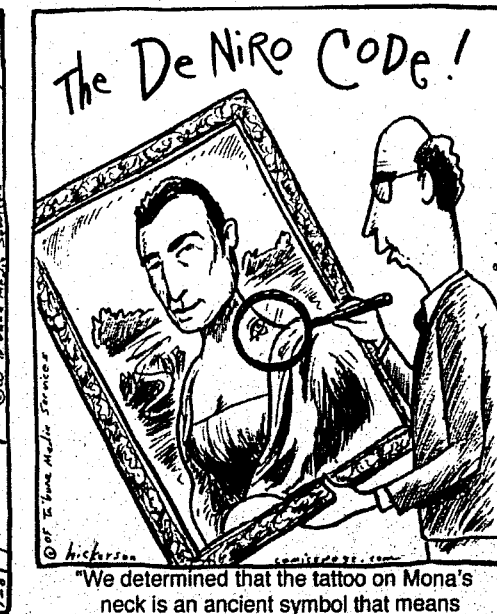
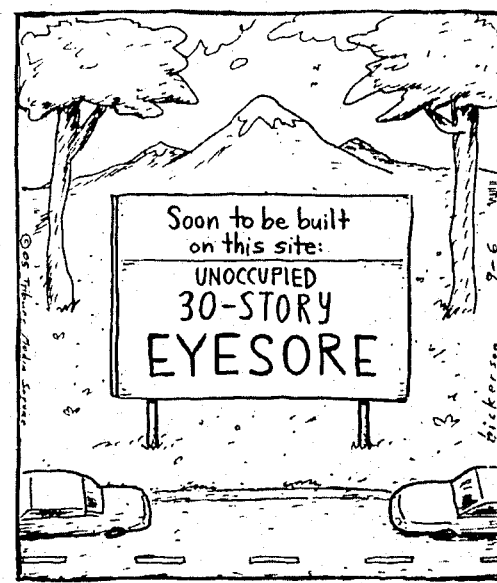


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The oil crisis goes to level green.



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Today's Birthday (09-08-05)
The more you study, the more you'll realize there is to know. Don't be discouraged; get involved in a fascinating quest. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 5 - Should you spend or should you save? It's always a dilemma. Save by spending wisely - that's the trick.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 - If there's anything you've been dreading, it's likely to surface now. This is good, because it's easier to face fears when you know what they are.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 6 - By now, you may have convinced yourself the job will be too hard. Don't be afraid; just make a list of the obstacles to overcome.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 9 - Turn down an invitation you don't really want to accept. The person is going to do what she wants anyway; might as well save your breath.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 5 - Spend carefully, and thoughtfully, on items for your family. With help from an older person, you'll do well.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 - There's a controversy arising, as to whether to stay or go. Before you travel far, you'd better simplify your plan.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 6 - If you buy things on sale with credit cards, you end up spending more than if you paid regular price with cash. Think about it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8 - The competition is fierce, but this will only make you more determined to succeed. Proceed with caution.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 5 - Don't rush into anything. Don't make any agreements to take on new assignments. Check carefully for hidden agendas.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 9 - Social activities are important, but don't always take top billing. This time, a loved one's request for your time is an awful lot more important.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 5 - You'll think of every little thing that possibly could go wrong. Make a list; this attitude can be an enormous help.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is an 8 - A frustration may be born of nervousness. You have trouble advancing to the next level because you're not sure you can take that next leap of faith.

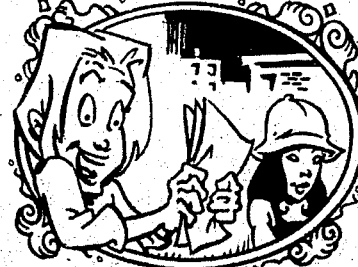
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